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35TH LEGISLATURE OF
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

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Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs,
and Consumer Protection

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Committee on Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure, and Planning

Committee on Housing, Transportation, and Telecommunications

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

AGENDA

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.** The purpose of the meeting is to receive testimony and consider the following legislative measures:

BLOCK I - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0084 – An Act amending title 11, Virgin Islands Code, chapter 21, section 1213 to allow businesses operating under a trade name to have the option of renewing the trade name every 2, 6, or 10 years intervals. This bill is sponsored by Senator Alma Francis Heyliger

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Monica Williams Carbon, Esq., *Chief of Staff*
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Mr. John Woods, *President*
St. Thomas-St. John Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Denise Johannes, *Director*
Corporations and Trademarks
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

BLOCK II - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0109 – Act honoring and commending the late Corporal Kendall Emanuel George posthumously for his service as a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps in the Vietnam War and for making the ultimate sacrifice to preserve democracy and to keep America and his Virgin Islands homeland safe; naming Route 107 from Coral Bay to Lameshur Bay, St. John “Kendall Emanuel George Drive” South and appropriating \$10,000 to the Department of Public Works for signage at Kendall Emanuel George Drive; and for other related purposes. This bill is sponsored by Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff.

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Patrick Farrell, *Director*
Virgin Islands Veterans Affairs

Mr. Harry Daniel, *Commander*
American Legion Post 131

Honorable Derek Gabriel, *Commissioner*
Department of Public Works

Mr. Henry A. Powell
Sibling

Ms. Geneva Paris
Sibling

LUNCH - 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM**BLOCK III - 2:00 PM –4:00 PM**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0186 – An Act repealing and reenacting title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 16, section 274 “Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission,” and enacting in its place “The Division of Transportation and Taxicab Services”; amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 37, subchapters I & II relative to the regulation of automobiles for hire and automobile for hire medallion; amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 39 section 433(b) directing the Commissioner of the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs to review fees, charges, and tariffs every three years; amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 111, section 3067 to substitute the name, “The Division of Transportation and Taxicab Services”; and providing for the transition of the employees, equipment, and supplies to the newly created entity, and for other related purposes. This bill is sponsored by Senators Donna A. Frett-Gregory, Franklin D. Johnson, Milton E. Potter, Diane T. Capehart, Javan James, Sr., Marise C. James, Carla J. Joseph, and Marvin A. Blyden.

Invited Testifiers

Ms. H. Nathalie Hodge, *Commissioner Nominee*
Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs

Mr. Kevin McCurdy, *Commissioner Nominee*
Department of Finance

Ms. Vernice Gumbs, *Executive Director*
Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission

Ms. Loretta Lloyd, *Chairwoman*
Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission Board

Mr. Mervin Smith, *President*
East End Taxicab Association

Mr. Francis Arthur, *President*
St. Croix Taxicab Association

Mr. Kelly George, *Owner*
Kellie’s Taxi Services

Ms. Annie Fortuna, *Owner*
Annie’s Taxi Services

Mr. Shawn Claxton, *President*
St. John Taxi Services

Mr. Willis Pinney, *President*
AAA Taxi and Tours

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