



# Legislature Of The Virgin Islands

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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 Friday, June 28, 2024 in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix.** 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. 35-0195– A Resolution honoring and commending Mr. Willard John for his many contributions to the youth and the culture of the Virgin Islands. This bill is sponsored by Senator Marise C. James.

#### **Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Wallace Williams**  
Resident

**Mr. Whitman Brown**  
Resident

**Ms. Alscess Brown**  
Resident

**Mr. Carl Gotts**  
Resident

**The Honorable Valgrave Richards**  
Former Lt Governor

**Ms. Aminah Saleem**  
Resident

**The Hon. Samuel Sanes, St. Croix Administrator**  
Government of the Virgin Islands

**BLOCK II – 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0239– An Act honoring and commending Mrs. Claire Lorraine Brown Roker for her dedicated service to the Virgin Islands community by naming the visitors center at the Ann E. Abramson Marine Facility, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, the “Claire L. Roker Visitors Center”. This bill is sponsored by Senators Novelle E. Francis, Jr., Javan E. James, Sr., and Angel L. Bolques, Jr.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Ms. Glendia Caines**  
Resident

**Mr. Jose Raul Carrilloz**  
Resident

**Dr. Clema Lewis**  
Resident

**Ms. Bridget Dawson**  
Resident

**Mr. Rupert Ross**  
Resident

**The Hon. Ronald Russell. Esq.**  
Former Senate President

**Mr. Jimmy Warren, Jr.**  
Resident

**Mr. Christopher Richardson**  
Resident

**The Hon. Donna Christian-Christensen, MD**  
Former Virgin Islands Delegate to Congress

**Ms. Melody Rames**  
Resident

**LUNCH - 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM****BLOCK III – 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0242– A Resolution honoring and commending Miguel Santos, Jr., aka “DJ Poppy Pops” for his contributions in the field of music and in radio broadcasting of musical events and local social musical events and specifically contributing to the art of deejaying and the teaching of deejaying. This bill is sponsored by Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Delvin D. Duggins, Sr.**  
Resident

**Ms. Juanita Boneque**  
Resident

**Mr. Jamall Mingo**  
Resident

**Ms. Maricela Santos**  
Resident

**Mr. Melvin Forbes**  
Resident

**Mr. Collin Hodge**  
Resident

**BLOCK IV – 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0198– An Act amending title 29 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 8, by adding subchapter III to institute a ban prohibiting any food service establishment and food service provider from selling or distributing in the Virgin Islands a disposable food container that is composed in whole or in part of polystyrene foam and prohibiting any manufacturer or store from providing polystyrene loose fill packaging. This bill is sponsored by Senator Milton E. Potter.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Ms. Dawn Henry, Esq.** *Senior Advisor*  
Beyond Plastic

**Honorable H. Nathalie Hodge,** *Commissioner*  
V.I. Department of Licensing and Consumer

**Honorable Jean Pierre Oriol,** *Commissioner*  
V.I. Department of Planning & Natural Resources

CC: All Senators  
All Chiefs of Staff  
All Divisions  
Public Affairs  
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