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LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY 35TH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

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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. 35-0239– 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

Dr. Clema Lewis

Resident

Mr. Rupert Ross

Resident

Resident

Mr. Jimmy Warren, Jr.

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

Mr. Jose Raul Carrilloz

Resident

Ms. Bridget Dawson

Resident

The Hon. Ronald Russell. Esq.

Former Senate President

Mr. Christopher Richardson

Resident

Ms. Melody Rames

Resident

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

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 The Honorable Valgrave Richards

Resident Former Lt Governor

Mr. Whitman Brown Ms. Aminah Saleem

Resident Resident

Ms. Alscess Brown The Hon. Samuel Sanes, St. Croix Administrator

Resident Government of the Virgin Islands

Mr. Carl Gotts

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. Ms. Juanita Boneque

Resident Resident

Mr. Jamall Mingo Ms. Maricela Santos

Resident Resident

Mr. Melvin Forbes Mr. Collin Hodge

Resident 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
Media