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FROM: Senator Kenneth L. Gittens 
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety

DATED: November 10, 2024

RE: COMMITTEE HEARING AGENDA
Scheduled Hearing - 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Please be advised that the 35th Legislature’s Committee on Homeland Security, Justice, & Public Safety has scheduled a legislative committee hearing for **10:00 am, Tuesday, November 12, 2024, in the Earl B. Ottley Legislative Chambers on St. Thomas.**

The agenda is as follows:

BLOCK I – 10:00 a.m.

Bill 35-0271 - An Act amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 43, subchapter I by adding a section 494b establishing school speed zones, signage, and enforcement measures to promote student and pedestrian safety near schools.
Sponsored by Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.

Invited Testifiers:

Testifiers	Title	Department/Agency
Honorable Derek Gabriel	Commissioner	Department of Public Works
Honorable Dionne Wells-Hedrington	Commissioner	Department of Education
Mario Brooks	Acting Commissioner	VI Police Department
Elise P. Menzies	Principal	St. Croix Christian Academy

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Bill 35-0395 - An Act amending title 16 Virgin Islands Code by adding a chapter 8, relating to change of gender designations on identifying documents upon receipt of an order of the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, amending chapter 7 relating to name change, and amending title 20, chapter 35 to allow for change of gender designation on driver's licenses, identification cards, and for other related purposes.

Sponsored by Senator Novelle. E. Francis, Jr. by Request of the Governor

Invited Testifiers:

Testifiers	Title	Department/Agency
Honorable Justa Encarnacion	Commissioner	Department of Health
Honorable Barbara McIntosh-Jackson	Director	Bureau of Motor Vehicles
Regina Peterson	Administrator of Courts	Judiciary of the Virgin Islands
Dr. Muria Nesbitt	President	PFLAG
Imani Evans	Director	St. Croix Pride

BR 23-0038 - An Act amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part II by repealing and re-enacting with amendments chapter 49 relating to abandoned and derelict motor vehicles.

Sponsored by Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory

Invited Testifiers:

Testifiers	Title	Department/Agency
Honorable Derek Gabriel	Commissioner	Department of Public Works
Honorable Joseph Boschulte	Commissioner	Department of Tourism
Mario Brooks	Acting Commissioner	Virgin Islands Police Department

LUNCH: 12:30pm – 1:00pm

BLOCK II – 1:00 p.m. – Until Adjourned

Public Concerns on Illegal Activities at Beachfront Properties in the USVI: This discussion will address pressing public concerns surrounding potential illegal activities on beachfront properties across the territory, with a particular focus on Lindbergh Bay Beach on St. Thomas and Frederiksted Beach on St. Croix. To foster a comprehensive dialogue, representatives from several key departments and agencies have been invited to participate, including the Management of Emerald Beach Hotel, each bringing their expertise and oversight relevant to these areas.

Invited participants include:

- V.I. Police Department
- Department of Planning & Natural Resources (Enforcement & CZM Divisions)
- Department of Licensing & Consumer Affairs (Enforcement Division)
- Department of Health (Environmental Health Division)
- V.I. Port Authority (Police Division)
- Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation
- Management of Emerald Beach Hotel

cc: All Employees
All Senators
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