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

DATED: December 11, 2024

RE: COMMITTEE HEARING AGENDA **REVISED II**
Scheduled Hearing - 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 11, 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, Wednesday, December 11, 2024, in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix.**

The agenda is as follows:

BLOCK I – 10:00 a.m.

Bill No 35-0417 - An Act repealing and reenacting Title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part II, chapter 43, section 512 increasing penalties for traffic violations; establishing a Virgin Islands Police Department Impound Lot: and for other related purposes.

Sponsored by Senator Kenneth L. Gittens

Invited Testifiers:

Testifiers	Title	Department/Agency
Mario Brooks	Commissioner Nominee	V.I. Police Department
Honorable Gordon Rhea	Attorney General	V.I. Department of Justice

Bill No 35-0409 - An Act to amend title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part II, chapter 32, subchapter I to amend the definition of “salvage vehicle purchaser” or “junk vehicle purchaser” to include businesses that includes junk and salvage vehicle businesses and insurance companies and to require salvage vehicle purchasers to file a report with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles that documents the salvage vehicles obtained and sold during a given time period, and to require a penalty for failure to file the report. *Sponsored by Senator Samuel Carrión*

Invited Testifiers:

Testifiers	Title	Department/Agency
Honorable Barbara M. Jackson	Director	Bureau of Motor Vehicles
Julie Smith-Todman, Esq.	Chief Counsel	Office of the Territorial Public Defender

LUNCH: 12:30pm – 1:00pm

BLOCK II – 1:00 p.m.

Bill No 35-0420 - An Act amending title 23, Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5 by enacting the “Virgin Islands Firearm Serial Number Regulation Act.” *Sponsored by Senator Kenneth L. Gittens*

Invited Testifiers:

Testifiers	Title	Department/Agency
Honorable Gordon Rhea	Attorney General	V.I. Department of Justice
Mario Brooks	Commissioner Nominee	V.I. Police Department
Julie Smith-Todman, Esq.	Chief Counsel	Office of the Territorial Public Defender

Bill No 35-0179 - An Act amending 14 VIC, chapter 61, relating to gambling violations, and title 32 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 13, relating to the V.I. Lottery Commission, to strengthen the enforcement tools against illegal gambling and lottery. *Sponsored by Senator Diane Capehart*

Invited Testifiers:

Testifiers	Title	Department/Agency
Honorable Gordon Rhea	Attorney General	V.I. Department of Justice
Raymond Williams	Executive Director	V.I. Lottery
Marvin Pickering	Chief Executive Officer	V.I. Casino Control Commission
Julie Smith-Todman, Esq.	Chief Counsel	Office of the Territorial Public Defender
Marjorie Whalen, Esq.	President	V.I. Bar Association

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