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TO: All Members, Committee on Rules and Judiciary
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Honorable Marise C. James
Honorable Franklin D. Johnson
Honorable Carla J. Joseph

FROM: The Honorable Senator Diane T. Capehart 
Chair, Committee on Rules and Judiciary

DATE: November 20, 2023

RE: Committee on Rules and Judiciary Meeting— Thursday, December 7, 2023

The Committee on Rules and Judiciary has scheduled a meeting for *Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 9:00 AM in the Frits E. Lawaetz Conference Room, St. Croix, Virgin Islands* to consider the following *nominations and bills*:

BLOCK I

- Governor's Nomination of Harriett Nathalie Hodge
Commissioner Nominee, VI Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs

BLOCK II

- Governor's Nomination of Louis E. Petersen, Jr.
Commissioner Nominee, VI Department of Agriculture

BLOCK III

- Governor's Nomination of Kevin McCurdy
Commissioner Nominee, VI Department of Finance

BLOCK IV

- Governor's Nomination of Joan P. Foy
Virgin Islands Banking Board – District of St. Thomas

BLOCK V

- Governor's Nomination of Bert M. Petersen, Jr., M.D.
University of the Virgin Islands Board of Trustees
- Governor's Nomination of Donna M. Christensen, MD
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BLOCK VI – BILLS

- **Bill No. 35-0045** - An Act amending title 5 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 407 relating to eligibility for parole release by adding section 4607 to establish Medical Parole Release, Geriatric Parole Release, and Non-Medical Geriatric Parole Release, and for other related purposes. *Sponsored by: Senators Franklin D. Johnson and Javan E. James.*
- **Bill No. 35-0086** - An Act amending Title 3, V.I.C., chapter 1, section 10h to require background checks for all IT personnel and employees of the Bureau of Information Technology, agencies that have data centers, and any employee who handles confidential information. *Sponsored by: Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff.*
- **Bill No. 35-0099** - An Act amending title 28, chapter 23, of the Virgin Islands Code relating to the foreclosure of Liens Upon Real Property. *Sponsored by: Senator Marise C. James*
- **Bill No. 35-0119** - An Act amending title 19 Virgin Islands Code by adding a chapter 7A directing the Department of Health to develop and approve Mobile Integrated Healthcare Programs. *Sponsored by: Senator Marise C. James and Co-Sponsored by: Senator Ray Fonseca*
- **Bill No. 35-0127** - An Act amending title 14 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 89 relating to the invasion of privacy of accident and crime victims by first responders. *Sponsored by: Senators Marvin A. Blyden, Dwayne M. DeGraff, Novelle E. Francis, Jr., Alma Francis Heyliger, Donna A. Frett-Gregory and Javan E. James, Sr.; Co-Sponsored by: Senator Marise C. James*
- **Bill No. 35-0131** - An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 15 to establish a “Real Time Crime Center” Centralized Crime Data System, within the Virgin Islands Police Department. *Sponsored by: Senator Diane T. Capehart*
- **Bill No. 35-0175** - An Act amending Title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 11, relating to emergency communications during an emergency and major disasters by adding a subchapter II establishing an Auxiliary Communications Unit within the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency and providing an auxiliary communications resource to any department agency and autonomous or semiautonomous instrumentality of the Government of the Virgin Islands. *Sponsored by: Senator Kenneth L. Gittens.*

BLOCK VII– BILLS - TENTATIVE

- **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. *Sponsored by: Senator Alma Francis Heyliger*
- **Bill No. 35-0173** - An Act amending title 5 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 201, by adding a subchapter V enacting the Safe Haven Newborn Protection Act to provide a mechanism for a newborn infant to be relinquished to a safe environment, for the parents of the newborn infant to remain anonymous if they choose and avoid civil or criminal liability for the act of relinquishing the newborn infant. *Sponsored by: Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.*

- **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. *Sponsored by: Senators Donna A. Frett-Gregory, Milton E. Potter, Diane T. Capehart, Javan James, Sr., Marise C. James, Carla J. Joseph, and Angel L. Bolques, Jr.*
- **Bill No. 35-0187** - An Act amending title 19, part V, chapter 45, by adding subchapter XI, titled Extreme Risk Protection Orders, to allow a family or household member, law enforcement officer, healthcare worker, educator or co-worker to intervene and file a court petition to temporarily confiscate and ban a person’s access to guns for one year if that person is deemed to be a risk to themselves or others. *Sponsored by: Senator Diane T. Capehart*

Cc: All Senators
All Chiefs of Staff
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