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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, bills and resolutions*:

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 Bert 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 V – 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. 35-0084**](#) - 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. 35-0086**](#) - 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. 35-0173**](#) - 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. 35-0175**](#) - 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.*

- [Bill No. 35-0194](#) - An Act amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 10, section 111(a) requiring the Commissioner of Education to hire a School Nurse Supervisor per district and School Health Technicians for every public school in the Territory. *Sponsored By: Senator Kenneth L. Gittens*

BLOCK VI – RESOLUTIONS

- [Bill No. 35-0102](#) - An Act honoring and commending Ralph A. deChabert, M.D. for outstanding contributions in the medical field to the people of the Virgin Islands and his many civic contributions to the community, especially to the island of St. Croix and to name the Labor and Delivery/Post Partum Unit “Maternity Services” at the Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center North in his honor. *Sponsored by: Senator Marise C. James*
- [Bill No. 35-0109](#) – An Act honoring and commending the late Corporal Kendall Emanuel George posthumously for his service as a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps in the Vietnam War and for making the ultimate sacrifice to preserve democracy and to keep America and his Virgin Islands homeland safe; naming Route 107 from Coral Bay to Lameshur Bay, St. John “Kendall Emanuel George Drive” South and appropriating \$10,000 to the Department of Public Works for signage at Kendall Emanuel George Drive; and for other related purposes. *Sponsored by: Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff.*
- [Bill No. 35-0123](#) - An Act to commission and direct the Virgin Islands Council on the Arts to construct and erect a bronze bust of Dr. Alfred O. Heath to be placed next to those of Edith L. Williams, J. Antonio Jarvis, and Rothschild Francis in Education Park on the island of St. Thomas, and for other purposes. *Sponsored by: Senators Ray Fonseca, Kenneth L. Gittens, Angel L. Bolques, Jr., Franklin D. Johnson, Alma Francis-Heyliger and Carla Joseph; Co-Sponsored by: Senators Novelle E. Francis, Jr. and Milton E. Potter*
- [Bill No. 35-0125](#) - An Act honoring and commending the late Police Lieutenant Melbourne Clarke posthumously for his dedication, service, and contributions to the Virgin Islands community in law enforcement by adding the name, “Police Lieutenant Melbourne Clarke Drive”, at Route 669 on the island of St. Croix. *Sponsored by: Senator Kenneth L. Gittens*

Cc: All Senators
All Chiefs of Staff
All Divisions
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