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TO: All Members, Committee on Rules and Judiciary
Honorable Milton E. Potter, Vice Chairman
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Honorable Marise C. James
Honorable Franklin D. Johnson
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FROM: The Honorable Senator Diane T. Capehart 
Chair, Committee on Rules and Judiciary

DATE: October 7, 2024

RE: Committee on Rules and Judiciary Meeting— Thursday, October 10, 2024

The Committee on Rules and Judiciary has scheduled a meeting for **Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 9:30 AM in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room, St. Croix, VI** to consider the following ***nomination, bills, and the Legislative Symposium’s Omnibus Bill:***

BLOCK I

Bill No. 35-0031 - An Act amending Title 5, Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 3, part I, by adding a new chapter 301A, creating the Child Victims’ and Child Witnesses’ Rights Act and repealing chapter 301, subchapter IV, section 3510. ***Sponsored by Senator Angel Bolques***

Bill No. 35-0283 - An Act amending title 19 Virgin Islands Code, part III, chapter 34, the Virgin Islands Cannabis Use Act. ***Sponsored by Senators Donna A. Frett-Gregory and Javan E. James, Sr.***

Bill No. 35-0289 - An Act amending Title 27 of the Virgin Islands Code by raising the legal age to purchase tobacco products from 18 to 21 years of age. ***Sponsored by Senator Ray Fonseca***

BLOCK II

Bill No. 35-0285 - An Act honoring and commending Bryan “Benny-Demus” Boulai for his outstanding achievements in the music and entertainment industries and for his contributions

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to the Virgin Islands community, awarding him The Official Key to the Virgin Islands, and appropriating \$10,000 annually to The DEMUS Foundation. ***Sponsored by Senators Ray Fonseca and Angel L. Bolques, Jr.; Co-Sponsor Senator Samuel Carrion***

Bill No. 35-0286 - An Act honoring and commending Verne Antonio Hodge for his years of dedicated service to the people of the Virgin Islands and its jurisprudence by renaming the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, St. Thomas/St. John, the “Judge Verne A. Hodge Superior Court of the Virgin Islands.” ***Sponsored by Senators Kenneth L. Gittens, Angel L. Bolques, Jr., Milton E. Potter, Marvin A. Blyden, Marise C. James, Carla J. Joseph, Alma Francis-Heyliger, Dwayne M. DeGraff, Franklin D. Johnson and Donna A. Frett-Gregory; Co-Sponsors Senators Ray Fonseca and Samuel Carrion***

BLOCK III

Bill No. 35-0300 - An Act approving a lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through its Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement, and Advance Power, LLC, for three portions of Parcel 1-A Estate Bovoni, Nos. 1 and 2 Frenchman’s Bay Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; two portions of Parcel No. 1 A-8 Estate Bovoni Nos. 1 and 2 Frenchman’s Bay Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; a portion of Parcel No. 1A-7 Estate Bovoni Nos. 1 and 2 Frenchman’s Bay Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; a portion of Parcel No. 1-21 Estate Bovoni Nos. 1 and 2 Frenchman’s Bay Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; two portions of Remainder of Parcel 1-19 Estate Bovoni, Nos. 1 and 2 Frenchman’s Bay Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; and a portion of Parcel No. 1-18 Estate Bovoni, Nos. 1 and 2 Frenchman’s Bay Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, for the purpose of constructing, operating, and maintaining wind turbine generators, offices, metering, maintenance sheds, access roads, utility substations as part of a microgrid on St. Thomas and other related purposes. ***Sponsored by Novelle E. Francis, Jr. and Angel L. Bolques, Jr., by Request of the Governor***

Bill No. 35-0320 - An Act approving the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through the Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement, and Advance Power, LLC, for two portions of Parcels No. 1 and Remainder 39-A and 49 Estate Cassava Garden, Queen’s Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, six portions of Remainder Matriculate 38 Estate Pearl, Queen’s Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, two portions of Remainder Matriculate 51 and 43 Queen’s Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, two portions of Remainder Parcel No. 1 Estate Barron Spot, Queen’s Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, two portions of Parcel No. 11 Estate Pearl, Queen’s Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, and six portions of Plot No. 2 Estate Humbug, Queen’s Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands for the purpose of constructing, operating, and maintaining wind turbine generators, maintenance sheds, access roads, utility substations as part of a microgrid, and for other related purposes on St. Croix. ***Sponsored by Novelle E. Francis, Jr. by Request of the Governor***

Bill No. 35-0374 - An Act approving the conveyance of Parcel No. 201 Submarine Base, No. 6 Southside Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands from the Government of the Virgin Islands to the Virgin Islands Public Broadcasting System. ***Sponsored by Novelle E. Francis, Jr. and Marvin A. Blyden by Request of the Governor***

Bill No. 35-0383 - An Act approving the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and St. Croix Science Teachers’ Association, Inc., for Parcel No. 10-P VICORP Land, King Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands. ***Sponsored By Novelle E. Francis, Jr., by Request of the Governor***



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Bill No. 35-0384 - An Act approving Amendment No. 1 to the Lease Agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority to amend the premises by replacing the parcel of land described as a portion of Parcel No. 10-B VICORP Land, King Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, with Parcel No. 10-M VICORP Land, King Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands. *Sponsored by Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr., by Request of the Governor.*

Bill Request No. 24-1267 – An Act updating the Virgin Islands Code, providing for efficiency in government operations across the agencies and Departments (**Omnibus Bill**)

Cc: All Senators
All Chiefs of Staff
All Divisions
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