

# THE HONORABLE SENATOR AVERY L. LEWIS

Legislative Secretary

36<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS



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## REVISED I AGENDA

**TO:** All Members, Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection

**MEMBERS:** Senator Ray Fonseca  
Senator Alma Francis Heyliger  
Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.  
Senator Kenneth L. Gittens  
Senator Franklin D. Johnson  
Senator Carla J. Joseph

**FROM:** The Honorable Senator Avery L. Lewis 116  
36<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands

**DATE:** March 19, 2026

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **Monday, March 23, 2026 at 9:00 AM** in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands in consideration of the following bills:

### **BLOCK I: 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.**

**Bill No. 36-0232:** An act amending Act No. 8018 to authorize the disposal of green waste using controlled incineration technologies, including air curtain incinerators, and for other purposes  
*Proposed by Senator Clifford A. Joseph, Sr. and sponsored by Senator Avery L. Lewis*

### **INVITED TESTIFIER(S):**

- Mr. Antonio Stevens, Director, VI Fire & Emergency Medical Services
- Mr. Hannibal “Mike” Ware, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority
- Mr. Gregory Guannel, PhD, Director, Caribbean Green Technology Center

- Mr. Daryl D. Jaschen, Director, Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency
- Mr. Jean Pierre Oriol, Commissioner, Department of Planning and Natural Resources
- Ms. Dawn Henry, CEO Virgin Islands Environmental Association (VIEA) & Interim CEO for Island Green Living Association
- Ms. Felicia Blyden, Member, Bovoni Bolongo Nadir Community Organization

**Bill No. 36-0233:** An act amending title 32 Virgin Islands Code chapter 13 relating to the establishment and operation of the Virgin Islands Lottery *Proposed by Senator Avery L. Lewis*

**INVITED TESTIFIER(S):**

- Mr. Julio Rhymer Sr., Director, Office of Management & Budget
- Mr. Kevin G. McCurdy, Commissioner, Department of Finance
- Mr. Raymond J. Williams, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Lottery

**BLOCK II: 11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

**Bill No. 36-0009:** A Resolution honoring and commending Mr. Steven van Beverhoudt for his years of dedicated service and numerous contributions to the people of the Virgin Islands *Proposed by Senator Milton E. Potter*

**INVITED TESTIFIER(S):**

- Ms. Marsha DuBois, Lead Auditor, Office of the Virgin Islands Inspector General
- Ms. Delia Thomas, Virgin Islands Inspector General, Office of the Virgin Islands Inspector General
- Mrs. Bernice Turnbull, Former Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Finance

**LUNCH BREAK: 12:00 P.M. – 12:30 P.M.**

**BLOCK III: 12:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.**

**Bill No. 36-0113:** An act amending title 8 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 4 to assess liability on businesses that serve intoxicating beverages to patrons that have overconsumed the beverages *Proposed by Senator Carla J. Joseph*

**INVITED TESTIFIER(S):**

- Hon. H. Nathalie Hodge, Commissioner, Department of Licensing & Consumer Affairs
- Hon. Gordon C. Rhea, Esq., Attorney General, Department of Justice
- Mr. Hugo Hodge Jr., Owner, Zanzi Bar
- Mr. Nathan Mirocha, Esq.
- Mr. Kareem Todman, Esq.

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## **BLOCK IV: 2:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.**

**Bill No. 36-0115:** An act amending title 27, Virgin Islands Code, chapter 9, subchapter I, section 304 authorizing the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs to physically close a business when it finds that the business is causing a nuisance, presents a threat to safety or is disturbing the peace *Proposed by Senator Carla J. Joseph*

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- Hon. Mario M. Brooks, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Police Department
- Mr. Hugo Hodge Jr., Owner, Zanzi Bar
- Ms. Rashida Francis
- Mr. Micheal Creque

cc: All Senators  
All Chiefs of Staff  
All Divisions  
Public Affairs