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36TH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS



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Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, and Parks

Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety

Committee of the Whole

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for *Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 9:00 AM* in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, to consider the following bills:

BLOCK I

Bill #36-0007: A Resolution honoring and commending James Sasso for distinguished service in the mortuary and funeral service industry. *Proposed by: Senator Angel A. Bolques*

Invited Testifiers:

- Mr. Glen Kwabena Davis, Resident
- Mr. Patrick Farrell, Executive Director, Office of Veterans Affairs
- Ms. Ty-Shel Sasso Carr, Relative
- Bernice Turnbull, Resident
- Jelani Sasso, Nephew of Mr. James Sasso
- Kyza Callwood, Resident

Bill #36-0029: A Resolution honoring and commending Sonya Hough, the creator of the St. Croix "Crucian" Hook Bracelet and proprietor of one of the first hand-wrought jewelry stores in St. Croix. *Proposed by Senator Kenneth L. Gittens*

Invited Testifiers:

- Pam Hough, Daughter of Sonya Hough

BLOCK II

Bill #36-0012: An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 27 to streamline the GERS disability annuity approval procedures and for other related issues. *Proposed by Senator Milton E. Potter*

Invited Testifiers:

- Mr. Angel E. Dawson, Administrator, Government Employees Retirement System
- Mr. Dwane Callwood, Board Chairman, Government Employees Retirement System

Bill #36-0066: An Act amending title 29 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 15 by adding a section 928a providing that all officials and employees of the Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority and its wholly owned subsidiaries must be members of the Government Employees. ***Proposed by Senator Alma Francis Heyliger***

Invited Testifiers:

- Mr. Angel E. Dawson, Administrator, Government Employees Retirement System
 - Mr. Dwane Callwood, Board Chairman
 - The Honorable Kevin McCurdy, Executive Director, Public Finance Authority and Commissioner, Department of Finance
 - Mr. Nathan Simmonds, Director of Finance and Administration Public Finance Authority
 - Mr. Stephan Adams, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and President, ViNGN
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BLOCK III

Bill #36-0026: An Act amending title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 10, by adding a subchapter VI to establish the “Virgin Islands Meteorological Office” within the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency. ***Senator Ray A. Fonseca***

Invited Testifiers:

- Mr. Daryl D. Jaschen, Director, Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency
- Ms. Sanaa A. Burke, Meteorology & Climate Science Major, University of Delaware