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Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety

Committee of the Whole

AGENDA

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

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

FROM: The Honorable Senator Avery L. Lewis 116
36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands

DATE: April 24, 2026

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 9:30 AM** in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands in consideration of the following bills:

BLOCK I: 9:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Bill No. 36-0114: An act honoring and commending Dilsa Capdeville for her many contributions to the Virgin Islands community through her roles in various areas of social services and advocacy for abused women and children and to rename the Bolongo Bay Head Start Facility the “Dilsa Capdeville Head Start Facility” in her honor ***Proposed by Senator Carla J. Joseph***

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- The Honorable Myron Jackson, Former Senator
- Ms. Yvette Finch
- Dr. Angelina Prince

- Ms. Anya Stuart
- Ms. Tonia Garnette

Bill No. 36-0191: An act honoring and commending Detective Delberth Phipps, Jr., for his service with the Virgin Islands Police Department and to the Virgin Islands community, by renaming the portion of Hospital Gade where it intersects with Veterans Drive, at the Alexander Farrelly Criminal Justice Complex, to the beginning of the Maude Proudfoot Drive, the “Delberth Phipps, Jr., Street” *Proposed by Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.*

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Mr. Jerry Innis – V.I. Department of Justice
- Mr. Vernon Carr - Virgin Islands Police Department
- Ms. Vivian Newton - Virgin Islands Police Department
- Ms. Maria Colon - Virgin Islands Police Department
- Ms. Chereese Thomas - Virgin Islands Police Department
- Mrs. Denise Phipps - Mother of Detective Delberth Phipps, Jr.
- Mr. Delbert Phipps, Sr. - Father of Detective Delberth Phipps, Jr.
- Mr. Demel Phipps - Son of Detective Delberth Phipps, Jr.
- Ms. Melodi Phipps - Mother of Demel Phipps

LUNCH BREAK: 12:30 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

BLOCK II: 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Bill No. 36-0187: An act amending title 18 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 23, section 622 requiring the Board of Elections to count by hand votes deposited in a ballot box *Proposed by Senator Franklin D. Johnson*

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Mr. Raymond J. Williams, Chairman, Board of Elections
- Ms. Caroline Fawkes, Supervisor, Election System of the Virgin Islands
- Ms. Mary Moorhead, Community Activist

BLOCK III: 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

The Committee will receive testimony from The Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission to provide an update and overview of the Office of the Virgin Islands Inspector General’s audit of administrative functions of the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission.

- Ms. Melissa Smith, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission

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