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36TH LEGISLATURE

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REVISED 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
36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands

DATE: October 15, 2026

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **Monday, October 19, 2026 at 9:00 AM** in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands to receive an update from WAPA and the VI Sixth Constitutional Convention and to consider of the following bills:

BLOCK I: 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

The Committee will receive a brief update from WAPA regarding the St. John new generators.

The Committee will receive testimony from The VI Sixth Constitutional Convention on the following:

- To discuss the status, progress, challenges, and provide comprehensive updates on the VI Sixth Constitutional Convention.

BLOCK II: 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Bill No. 36-0345: An act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 25 by adding subchapter IX to enact "The Virgin Islands Heroes Act" making benefits payable to the spouses and eligible children of public safety officers who are killed or catastrophically injured in the line of duty ***Proposed by Senator Milton E. Potter***

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INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Ms. Cindy Richardson, Director, VI Division of Personnel
- Mr. Mario Brooks, Commissioner, VI Police Department
- Mr. Gordon Rhea, Esq., Attorney General, Department of Justice

Bill No. 36-0354: An act amending the Virgin Islands Code to rename the Division of Personnel the Division of Human Resources ***Proposed by Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.***

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Ms. Cindy Richardson, Director, VI Division of Personnel
- Mr. Kevin Williams, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor

BLOCK III: 1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Bill No. 36-0353: An act to establish uniform governance, accountability, transparency, strategic planning, performance management, and community reinvestment requirements for public corporations, autonomous entities, and instrumentalities of the Government of the Virgin Islands ***Proposed by Senator Hubert L. Frederick***

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Mr. Wayne Biggs, President/CEO, VI Economic Development Authority
- Mr. Karl Knight, CEO, VI Water and Power Authority
- Mr. Julio Rhymer, Director, Office of Management and Budget
- Mr. Raymond Williams, Executive Director, VI Lottery
- Mr. Delia Thomas, Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General

BLOCK IV: 2:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

Bill No. 36-0350: A resolution honoring and commending the Virgin Islands Conference of the 16th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church on its 106th anniversary ***Proposed by Senator Hubert L. Frederick***

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INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Mr. Uklyn Hendricks, Bethel AME Church, Christiansted
- Mrs. Amabel Hewitt-Compton, Bethel AME Church, Christiansted
- Ms. Lydia Davis, St. Luke AME Church, Frederiksted
- Mrs. Colleen Liburd Henderson, St. Luke AME Church, Frederiksted
- Rev. Charles L. Brown, Jr., Family of Faith AME Church, St. Thomas

Bill No. 36-0349: An act honoring and commending Austin M. Petersen for his extraordinary artistic contributions to the cultural heritage of the Virgin Islands; formally designating the mural wall along Weymouth Rhymer Highway on St. Thomas as Black Utopia Lane; and appropriating funds for the installation of a plaque at Black Utopia Lane ***Proposed by Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.***

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Ms. Sandra M. Benjamin, Retired Teacher
- Mr. Alyster Edwards, Retired Professional School Counselor
- Mrs. Marva Thomas-Lake, Retired Guidance Counselor
- Mrs. Marcella "Jaribu Bobo" Jennings Collier, Artist

Bill No. 36-0241: A resolution honoring and commending Rashida Hodge for her being on a global scale in the field of technology as well as philanthropic efforts towards the people of the Virgin Islands through the establishment of the Rashida Hodge Endowment Fund at North Carolina State University ***Proposed by Senator Milton E. Potter Sponsor: Angel L. Bolques, Jr.***

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Mr. Timothy Humphrey, Asst. Provost, Wake Tech Community College/IBM Executive
- Ms. Dee Brown, President, Community Foundation of the VI
- Mr. Louis Martin-Vega, Former Dean, NC State University College of Engineering
- Mrs. Lisa Hassell-Forde, Former Administrator, VI Department of Education
- Mr. Mark Souza, Chief Technology Officer, Microsoft

Bill No. 36-0327: A resolution honoring and commending the St. Thomas Majorettes for over two decades of service to the Virgin Islands community, by promoting discipline, teamwork, leadership development,

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academic encouragement, personal growth and mentorship for youth, through the performing art of baton twirling ***Proposed by Senator Milton E. Potter Sponsor: Angel L. Bolques, Jr.***

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Dr. Desha Powell, Co-Founder, St. Thomas Majorettes, Inc.
- Ms. Meki'ya Thomas, Former STM Twirler/Trainer
- Mrs. Raynette Richards, Community Advocate
- Mr. Sheldon Turnbull, Performance Coordinator
- Mr. Halva Hart, Assistant Director, Division of Festivals

cc: All Senators
All Chiefs of Staff
All Divisions
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Regards,

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