

THE HONORABLE SENATOR AVERY L. LEWIS

Legislative Secretary

36TH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS



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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: August 28, 2025

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **Monday, September 22, 2025, at 9:30 AM** in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands to provide testimony on the following bills:

BLOCK I: 9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Bill No. 36-0061: An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 27, section 706 and chapter 28A, section 755 allowing retirees who are receiving an annuity from the Government Employees Retirement System who are subsequently employed by the University of the Virgin Islands ("UVI"), to continue to receive their GERS annuity while receiving their salary from the University if the retiree enrolls in a different retirement plan. ***Proposed by Senator Carla J. Joseph***

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Mr. Angel E. Dawson, Administrator, Government Employees Retirement System
- Ms. Safiya George, PhD, President, University of the Virgin Islands

BLOCK II: 11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Bill No. 36-0102: An act amending title 31 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 23 by re-enacting section 236b requiring the use of construction materials manufactured in the Virgin Islands, to the greatest extent practicable, for locally or federally funded contracts with the Government of the Virgin Islands. *Proposed by Senators Marvin A. Blyden, Angel L. Bolques, and Senator Avery L. Lewis*

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Mrs. Lisa Alejandro, Commissioner, Department of Property and Procurement
- Mr. Derek A. Gabriel, Commissioner, Department of Public Works
- Dr. Haldane Davies, Director, Virgin Islands Bureau of Economic Research (BER)
- Mr. Donald Stevens, Partner, Cat5 Builders, LLC
- Mr. Eric Castro, Owner, Universal Concrete

BLOCK III: 12:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Bill No. 36-0058: An Act honoring and commending Dennis “Pumpa” Lennox Leroy Liburd, Jr. for his many contributions to the Virgin Islands culture and music industry as a Soca artist by awarding him the Official key to the Territory and naming the main entrance of 6-Y Peters Rest Road, Christiansted, St. Croix in his honor. *Proposed by Senators Marise C. James and Avery L. Lewis*

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Mr. Bryan “Benny Demus” Boulai, DJ, Music Director, Manager & Producer
- Mr. Ian M. Turnbull, Director, Division of Festivals
- Mr. Yohannes Worede, President, USVI Soccer Federation & Peters Rest Apts. Inc.
- Ms. Ushana Khublal, Owner of KUSH ENT
- Mr. Kai Hendricks, Director, Converged Networks ONE Communications VI

BLOCK IV: 2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Bill No. 36-0107: A resolution honoring and commending Dr. Alfred Lee Anduze for his outstanding achievements and significant contributions to the fields of medicine, science, public health, and community empowerment. *Proposed by Senators Kurt A. Vialet and Senator Avery L. Lewis*

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Mr. Terrance E. Highfield, Long time close friend
- Ms. Jennifer Jackson, Good friend and Former UVI Chancellor
- Ms. Rita Dudley Grant, PhD, Cousin
- Judge Patricia D. Steele, Cousin
- Judge George W. Cannon, Jr., Good friend
- Ms. Angela Torres McGhee, PhD, Cousin
- Mr. Richard A. Schrader, Sr., Mentor, Patient & Friend
- Mr. Frank Duggan, Long time close friend

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BLOCK V: 3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Bill No. 36-0121: An act to rename the Peter Carl Limpricht Park the TSK Park in honor of the Ten Sleepless Knights quelbe band and making an appropriation to effectuate that change.

Proposed by Senators Marise C. James, Clifford A. Joseph, Sr., Kenneth L. Gittens and Angel L. Bolques, Jr. Co-sponsor: Hubert L. Frederick

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Mr. Stanley Jacobs, Treasurer/Founder and Band Leader, Ten Sleepless Knights, Inc.
- Dr. Lauren Larsen, President, Ten Sleepless Knights, Inc.
- Ms. Vivian Ebbesen, President, Crucian Cultural Group (CCG)
- Mr. Myron Jackson, Former Senator, Legislature of the Virgin Islands
- Mr. Vincent Roberts, Commissioner Nominee, Department of Sports Parks and Recreation
- Mr. Derek M. Gabriel, Commissioner, Department of Public Works

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