

THE HONORABLE SENATOR AVERY L. LEWIS

Legislative Secretary

36TH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS



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Committee on Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks
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 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: September 18, 2026

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **Monday, September 28, 2026 at 9:00 AM** in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands in consideration of the following agency and bills:

BLOCK I: 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.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
- Mrs. Elizabeth Hansen-Watley, Board Chair, Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission

BLOCK II: 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Bill No. 36-0229: An act honoring and commending Adelbert M. “Bert” Bryan for his outstanding contributions and dedicated service to the Virgin Islands community, particularly on the island of St. Croix, and to ceremoniously name Queen Street in Frederiksted, St. Croix, in his honor as “Adelbert M. “Bert” Bryan Drive” *Proposed by Senator Kenneth L. Gittens*
Sponsor: Angel L. Bolques, Jr.

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Mr. Usie Richards, Former Senator & Colleague
- Ms. Nikki Thomas, Daughter
- Mr. Devin Carrington, Long-time friend

Bill No. 36-0218: An act honoring and commending Jerome Austin Browne for his outstanding achievements and contributions to baseball and the youth of St. Croix by renaming Prince Street in Christiansted “Jerry Browne Street” *Proposed by Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.*

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- John Clenace, Family Friend
- Norman Williams Jr., Family Friend
- Dexter Skeppel, Pastor and Family Friend

Bill No. 36-0281: An act honoring and commending Hans Lawaetz for his lifetime of exemplary service to the Virgin Islands and awarding him the Virgin Islands Medal of Honor *Proposed by Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr. Sponsor: Angel L. Bolques, Jr.*

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Mr. Dennis Brow
- Mr. Jose Bermudez
- Mr. John Harper
- Ms. Curleen Rodgers

Bill No. 36-0319: An act honoring and commending Rena Brodhurst for her extraordinary contributions to journalism and the preservation of the Virgin Islands’ historical and cultural narrative and awarding her the Virgin Islands Medal of Honor *Proposed by Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr. Sponsor: Angel L. Bolques, Jr.*

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Ms. Eunice Bedminster

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BLOCK III: 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Bill No. 36-0320: A resolution honoring and commending Kevre Hendricks for his outstanding contributions to music, education, military service, and cultural preservation in the Virgin Islands *Proposed by Senator Kurt A. Violet Sponsor: Angel L. Bolques, Jr.*

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Mr. Angel Ventura, III, Friend/Colleague
- Mr. Daniel J. Nibbs, SFC, Subordinate
- Mr. Erick Willie, PhD, Student
- Mrs. Essi Gaston-Edwards, Friend

Bill No. 36-0323: An act honoring and commending Maude “Maudie” Dowdy Roberts posthumously and concurrently designating Prince Street in Frederiksted the “Maude ‘Maudie’ Dowdy Roberts Drive” *Proposed by Senator Kenneth L. Gittens*

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Mrs. Janice Hansen-Murray, Granddaughter
- Mr. Alvin Milligan, Community Member

Bill No. 36-0333: An act renaming Queen Street in the town of Christiansted, Queen Street in the town of Frederiksted, and Custom House Street in Frederiksted in honor of the Queens of the Fireburn of 1878 *Proposed by Senator Clifford A. Joseph, Sr. Sponsor: Angel L. Bolques, Jr.*

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Mr. Frandelle Gerard
- Ms. Claire Roker

Bill No. 36-0337: An act honoring and commending Camille “King Derby” Macedon for his lifelong achievements and contributions as a calypsonian, educator and cultural ambassador and renaming the public road known as Colqouhoun_PR01, “Camille “King Derby” Macedon Lane” *Proposed by Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.*

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Mr. Ronald A. Phillips

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