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AGENDA

Committee on Housing, Transportation & Telecommunications

Wednesday, April 8, 2026
Fritz E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room
Christiansted, U.S. Virgin Islands

9:00 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call.

Reading of the Agenda

BLOCK I

Bill No. 36-0109: *An act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 111 to establish the Inspection and Safety on Public Highways Fund; amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 39, section 435 relating to the collection of fees, amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 41, section 461 relating to equipment and inspection of vehicle requirements, and title 20 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 38, section 416 relating to motor vehicle restrictions for the car rental industry. Proposed by: Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.*

INVITED TESTIFIERS

- The Honorable Kevin McCurdy, Commissioner, Department of Finance
- The Honorable Jean-Pierre Oriol, Commissioner, Department of Planning & Natural Resources
- The Honorable Mario M. Brooks, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Police Department

- Ms. Barbara McIntosh, Director, Virgin Islands Bureau of Motor Vehicles

BLOCK II – 11:00AM

Bill No. 36-0074: *An Act amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part I by adding a chapter 3 establishing the “Virgin Islands Roadside Property Maintenance and Vegetation Act” to require property owners to maintain roadside vegetation, prevent obstruction of public roads and utility lines, provide for enforcement, penalties, and exceptions, and for other related purposes. Proposed by: Senator Kenneth L. Gittens and Senator Avery L. Lewis*

INVITED TESTIFIERS

- The Honorable Tregenza A. Roach, Esq, Lt. Governor of the V.I.,
- The Honorable Derek Gabriel, Commissioner, Department of Public Works
- The Honorable Jean-Pierre Oriol, Commissioner, Department of Planning & Natural Resources
- Mr. Karl Knight, Executive Director & CEO, Water & Power Authority
- Mr. Hannibal “Mike” Ware, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority
- Dr. Gregory Guannel, Director, Caribbean Green Technology Center
- Mr. Stephan Adams, Chief Executive Officer, V.I. Next Generation Network
- Ms. Siobhan James-Alexander, Chief Executive Officer, One Communications
- Mr. Clay Jones, Principal/Arborist, Heritage Tree Care, LLC.
- Ms. Ileann Canellas Correa, Esq, Country Manager, T-Mobile PR/VI
- Mr. Ravindra Maywahlall, Country Manager, Liberty USVI

LUNCH – 12:30PM

BLOCK III - 2:00 PM

The Committee will convene to receive its annual update on telecommunications issues from providers, regulators, infrastructure owners, and policymakers, with a focus on evaluating system resilience, redundancy, affordability and reliability of service. This discussion will inform legislative efforts to strengthen infrastructure planning, disaster preparedness, and public safety communications, while also assessing technical standards and the deployment of emerging technologies in the Virgin Islands. The committee will also take testimony regarding compliance with ADA mandates requiring website accessibility for people with disabilities.

INVITED TESTIFIERS

- The Honorable Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Commissioner, Department of Education
- The Honorable Derek Gabriel, Commissioner, Department of Public Works
- The Honorable Jean-Pierre Oriol, Commissioner, Department of Planning & Natural Resources
- Mr. Julio Rhymer, Director, Office of Management and Budget
- Mr. Karl Knight, Executive Director & CEO, V.I. Water & Power Authority
- Mr. Rupert Ross, Director, Bureau of Information Technology
- Mr. Stephan Adams, Chief Executive Officer, V.I. Next Generation Network
- Dr. Gregory Guannel, Director, Caribbean Green Technology Center
- Mr. Dwayne Alexander, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Housing Authority
- Ms. Ileann Canellas Correa, Esq, Country Manager, T-Mobile PR/VI
- Mr. Ravindra Maywahlall, Country Manager, Liberty USVI
- Ms. Siobhan James-Alexander, Chief Executive Officer, One Communications