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TO: Mrs. Kurell A. Sheridan, JD
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36th Legislature of the V.I.

FROM: The Honorable Carla J. Joseph 
Chair
Committee on Rules and Judiciary

DATE: September 19, 2025

SUBJECT: Committee Report for Monday, September 15, 2025 Hearing

Please find attached the report for the Committee on Rules and Judiciary hearing held on Monday, September 15, 2025 Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.

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RULES AND JUDICIARY
September 15, 2025 COMMITTEE HEARING REPORT

The Committee on Rules and Judiciary held its hearing on for Monday, September 15, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas. The Committee considered the following bills pertaining to the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget:

- **Bill No. 36-0154** -- An act providing a lump-sum appropriation from the Health Revolving Fund to the Virgin Islands Department of Health and a contribution to the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 **Sponsored by: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**
- **Bill No. 36-0155** -- An act providing a lump sum appropriation from the General Fund to the Virgin Islands Fire and Emergency Medical Services Fund for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 **Sponsored by: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**
- **Bill No. 36-0156** -- An act providing an appropriation from the Business and Commercial Properties Revolving Fund to the Virgin Islands Department of Property and Procurement for operating expenses for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 **Sponsored by: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**
- **Bill No. 36-0157** -- An act providing an appropriation from the Virgin Islands Lottery as a contribution to the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 **Sponsored by: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**
- **Bill No. 36-0158** -- An act providing an appropriation from the District Public Road Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the Department of Public Works for operating expenses for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 **Sponsored by: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**
- **Bill No. 36-0159** -- An act providing an appropriation from the Indirect Cost Fund for the operating expenses of the Office of Management and Budget, the Virgin Islands Division of Personnel, the Virgin Islands Department of Property and Procurement and the Virgin Islands Department of Finance for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 **Sponsored by: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**
- **Bill No. 36-0160** -- An act providing an appropriation from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the St. Croix Capital Improvement Fund and the St. Thomas Capital Improvement Fund for fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 **Sponsored by: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**
- **Bill No. 36-0161** -- An act appropriating \$25,500,000 to the Legislature of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 **Sponsored by: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**

- **Bill No. 36-0162** -- An act appropriating \$20,000,000 from the Virgin Islands Insurance Guaranty Fund as a contribution to the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through, September 30 2026 **Sponsored by: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**
- **Bill No. 36-0163** -- An act providing an appropriation for salaries and expenses of the Virgin Islands Board of Elections and the Office of the Supervisor of Elections in the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 **Sponsored by: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**
- **Bill No. 36-0164** -- An act providing a lump-sum appropriation from the School Construction, Maintenance and Capital Fund to the Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance for repair, renovation and maintenance of public schools and facilities in fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 **Sponsored by: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**
- **Bill No. 36-0165** -- An act appropriating \$6,000,000 from the Caribbean Basin Initiative Fund as a contribution to the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands in fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 **Sponsored by: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**
- **Bill No. 36-0166** -- An act providing an appropriation from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund to the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority, the Office of the Governor, the Virgin Islands Department of Education, the Virgin Islands Police Department, the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works, the Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture, the Virgin Islands Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation, the Virgin Islands Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs, the Virgin Islands Public Broadcasting System and the Virgin Islands Department of Tourism during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 **Sponsored by: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**
- **Bill No. 36-0167** -- An act providing an appropriation for the salaries and expenses of the University of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 **Sponsored by: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**
- **Bill No. 36-0168** -- An act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Public Employees Relations Board and the Virgin Islands Labor Management Committee for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 **Sponsored by: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**
- **Bill No. 36-0169** -- An act appropriating the sum of \$1,000,000 from the Virgin Islands Education Initiative Fund to the School of Construction, Maintenance and Capital Fund for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 **Sponsored by: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**
- **Bill No. 36-0170** -- An act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Waste Management Authority from the Sewer Waste Water Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through

September 30, 2026 **Sponsored by: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**

- **Bill No. 36-0171** -- An act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Hospital and Health Facilities Corporation from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 **Sponsored by: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**
- **Bill No. 36-0172** -- An act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Office of the Inspector General from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 **Sponsored by: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**
- **Bill No. 36-0173** -- An act providing an appropriation for the operation of the Judicial Branch of the Government of the Virgin Islands, the Judicial Council and the Office of the Territorial Public Defender during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025 **Sponsored by: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**
- **Bill No. 36-0175** -- An act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Public Services Commission for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026 **Sponsored by: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**
- **Bill No. 36-0176** -- An act providing an appropriation from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the St. John Capital Improvement Fund for fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 **Sponsored by: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**
- **Bill No. 36-0177** -- An act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Board of Education from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 **Sponsored by: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**
- **Bill No. 36-0178** -- An act providing an appropriation from the Transportation Trust Fund as a contribution to the General Fund and for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Public Works during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 **Sponsored by: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**
- **Bill No. 36-0179** -- An act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Career and Technical Education Board from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 **Sponsored by: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**
- **Bill No. 36-0180** -- An act providing an appropriation to the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 **Sponsored by: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**

- **Bill No. 36-0181** -- An act providing an appropriation from the Anti-Litter and Beautification Fund to the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority and the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works for operating expenses during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 **Sponsored by: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**
- **Bill No. 36-0182** -- An act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026 **Sponsored by: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**
- **Bill No. 36-0186** -- An act appropriating \$6,014,209 from the GVI/JPMC Charitable Fund to the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands **Sponsored by: Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**
- **Bill No. 36-0120** -- An act appropriating the sum of \$341,460 from the Virgin Islands Education Initiative Fund to the Virgin Islands Department of Education for the purpose of conducting evaluations to determine students' eligibility for special education services **Sponsored by: Senator Kurt A. Violet and Clifford A. Joseph Sr.**
- **Bill No. 36-0174** -- An act providing an appropriation from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the operation of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 and amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 27 requiring legislative approval for increased employer and employee contribution amounts to the Government Employees Retirement System **Sponsored by: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Sen. Carla J. Joseph at 10:10 a.m.

Committee Members Present

Sen. Carla J. Joseph, Chair
 Sen. Kenneth L. Gittens, Vice Chair
 Sen. Angel L. Bolques, Jr.
 Sen. Alma Francis Heyliger
 Sen. Clifford A. Joseph, Sr.
 Sen. Avery L. Lewis
 Sen. Milton E. Potter

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Mr. Charles Brown, Jr.
 Ms. Jevon Ottley

Sergeant-At-Arms

Mr. Delvin Fleming
 Mr. Walton Jack

Non-Committee Members Present

Sen. Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

Legislative Reporters

Mrs. Nataya Munoz-Melchoir
 Ms. Tricia D. Sealey
 Mrs. Vashti Gerald-Berry

Clerk/Timekeeper

Ms. Neta Christopher
 Mrs. Shenika Dowe-Serrano

Legal Counsel

Attorney Amos Carty, Jr.
 Attorney Augustin Ayala

Public Affairs/Media

Ms. Diana Cruz

Mr. Barry Leerdam

Mr. Jamal Potter

Ms. Chaunte Herbert

Mr. Omari Hicks

Mr. Kahsief Hamilton

Mr. Bernard Mathew

Mr. Alwyn Baptiste Jr.

Ms. Melissa Gustave

The Chair of the Committee, recognized the Chairman of the Committee on Budget, Finance and Appropriation, Sen. Novelle E. Francis, Jr. to introduce all of the FY 2026 Budget Bills. Following the introduction, the Chair allowed each Senator present to proceed with one (1) round of two (2) minutes to provide remarks pertaining to all the bills on the agenda.

In block one of the agenda, the Committee took the following action:

Bill Number	Short Title	Amendment	Motion	Vote
36-0154	An act providing a lump-sum appropriation from the Health Revolving Fund to the Virgin Islands Department of Health and a contribution to the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026		Senator Avery L. Lewis motioned that Bill No. 36-0154 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under rule 314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senators Carla J. Joseph and Milton E. Potter.	6 yeas— 1 absent
36-0155	An act providing a lump sum appropriation from the General Fund to the Virgin Islands Fire and Emergency Medical Services Fund for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026		Senator Avery L. Lewis motioned that Bill No. 36-0155 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under rule 314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senator Milton E. Potter.	6 yeas— 1 absent
36-0156	An act providing an appropriation from the Business and Commercial Properties Revolving Fund to the Virgin Islands Department of Property and Procurement for		Senator Avery L. Lewis motioned that Bill No. 36-0156 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under rule 314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th	6 yeas— 1 absent

Bill Number	Short Title	Amendment	Motion	Vote
	operating expenses for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026		Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senator Milton E. Potter.	
36-0157	An act providing an appropriation from the Virgin Islands Lottery as a contribution to the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026		Senator Avery L. Lewis motioned that Bill No. 36-0157 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under rule 314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senator Milton E. Potter.	6 yeas— 1 absent
36-0158	An act providing an appropriation from the District Public Road Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the Department of Public Works for operating expenses for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026		Senator Avery L. Lewis motioned that Bill No. 36-0158 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under rule 314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senator Milton E. Potter.	6 yeas— 1 absent
36-0159	An act providing an appropriation from the Indirect Cost Fund for the operating expenses of the Office of Management and Budget, the Virgin Islands Division of Personnel, the Virgin Islands Department of Property and Procurement and the Virgin Islands Department of Finance for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026		Senator Milton E. Potter motioned that Bill No. 36-0159 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under rule 314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senator Avery L. Lewis.	6 yeas— 1 absent
36-0160	An act providing an appropriation from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the St. Croix Capital Improvement	Senator Potter offered Amendment No. 36-548 It was seconded by Senator	Senator Milton motioned that Bill No. 36-0160 as amended, be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under rule	6 yeas— 1 absent

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	Fund and the St. Thomas Capital Improvement Fund for fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026	Avery L. Lewis	314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senator Avery L. Lewis.	
36-0161	An act appropriating \$25,500,000 to the Legislature of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026		Senator Milton Potter motioned that Bill No. 36-0161 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under rule 314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senator Avery L. Lewis.	6 yeas— 1 absent
36-0162	An act appropriating \$20,000,000 from the Virgin Islands Insurance Guaranty Fund as a contribution to the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through, September 30, 2026		Senator Milton E. Potter motioned that Bill No. 36-0162 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under rule 314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senator Avery L. Lewis.	6 yeas— 1 absent
36-0163	An act providing an appropriation for salaries and expenses of the Virgin Islands Board of Elections and the Office of the Supervisor of Elections in the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026		Senator Milton E. Potter motioned that Bill No. 36-0163 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under rule 314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senators Avery L. Lewis.	6 yeas— 1 absent

In block two of the agenda, the Committee took the following action:

Bill Number	Short Title	Amendment	Motion	Vote
36-0164	An act providing a lump-sum appropriation from the School Construction, Maintenance and Capital Fund to the Bureau of School Construction and		Senator Alma Francis Heyliger motioned that Bill No. 36-0164 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action	7 yeas

Bill Number	Short Title	Amendment	Motion	Vote
	Maintenance for repair, renovation and maintenance of public schools and facilities in fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026		subject to the closed rule under rule 314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senators Avery L. Lewis and Clifford Joseph, Sr.	
36-0165	An act appropriating \$6,000,000 from the Caribbean Basin Initiative Fund as a contribution to the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands in fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026		Senator Alma Francis Heyliger motioned that Bill No. 36-0165 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under rule 314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senators Milton E. Potter and Avery L. Lewis.	7 yeas
36-0166	An act providing an appropriation from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund to the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority, the Office of the Governor, the Virgin Islands Department of Education, the Virgin Islands Police Department, the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works, the Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture, the Virgin Islands Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation, the Virgin Islands Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs, the Virgin Islands Public Broadcasting System and the Virgin Islands Department of Tourism during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026		Senator Alma Francis Heyliger motioned that Bill No. 36-0166 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under rule 314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senators Milton E. Potter, Clifford Joseph, Sr. and Avery Lewis.	7 yeas

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Bill Number	Short Title	Amendment	Motion	Vote
36-0167	An act providing an appropriation for the salaries and expenses of the University of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026	Senator Alma Francis Heyliger offered Amendment No. 36-547 It was seconded by Senators Lewis, Potter, and Joseph Sr.	Senator Alma Francis Heyliger motioned that Bill No. 36-0167 as amended , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under rule 314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senator Milton E. Potter.	7 yeas
36-0168	An act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Public Employees Relations Board and the Virgin Islands Labor Management Committee for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026		Senator Alma Francis Heyliger motioned that Bill No. 36-0168 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under rule 314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senators Clifford Joseph, Sr., Milton E. Potter and Avery L. Lewis.	7 yeas
36-0169	An act appropriating the sum of \$1,000,000 from the Virgin Islands Education Initiative Fund to the School of Construction, Maintenance and Capital Fund for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026		Senator Clifford Joseph, Sr. motioned that Bill No. 36-0169 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under rule 314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senator Milton E. Potter	7 yeas
36-0170	An act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Waste Management Authority from the Sewer Waste Water Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026		Senator Clifford Joseph, Sr. motioned that Bill No. 36-0170 as amended , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under rule 314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senator Milton E. Potter.	7 yeas

Bill Number	Short Title	Amendment	Motion	Vote
36-0171	An act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Hospital and Health Facilities Corporation from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026	Senator Clifford Joseph, Sr. Offered Amendment No.36-545 It was seconded by Senators Lewis and Potter.	Senator Clifford Joseph, Sr. motioned that Bill No. 36-0171 as amended , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under rule 314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senators Milton E. Potter, and Avery L. Lewis.	7 yeas
36-0172	An act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Office of the Inspector General from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026		Senator Clifford Joseph, Sr. motioned that Bill No. 36-0172 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under rule 314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senator Milton E. Potter.	7 yeas
36-0173	An act providing an appropriation for the operation of the Judicial Branch of the Government of the Virgin Islands, the Judicial Council and the Office of the Territorial Public Defender during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025		Senator Clifford Joseph, Sr. motioned that Bill No. 36-0173 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under rule 314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senator Milton E. Potter.	7 yeas

In block three of the agenda, the Committee acted on the following bills:

Bill Number	Short Title	Amendment	Motion	Vote
36-0175	An act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Public Services Commission for the fiscal year October 1,		Senator Angel Bolques, Jr. motioned that Bill No. 36-0175 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under	7 yeas

Bill Number	Short Title	Amendment	Motion	Vote
	2025 to September 30, 2026		rule 314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senator Kenneth L. Gittens.	
36-0176	An act providing an appropriation from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the St. John Capital Improvement Fund for fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026		Senator Angel Bolques, Jr. motioned that Bill No. 36-0176 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under rule 314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senators Kenneth L. Gittens and Avery L. Lewis.	7 yeas
36-0177	An act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Board of Education from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026		Senator Angel Bolques, Jr. motioned that Bill No. 36-0177 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under rule 314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senators Milton E. Potter, Kenneth L. Gittens, and Avery Lewis.	7 yeas
36-0178	An act providing an appropriation from the Transportation Trust Fund as a contribution to the General Fund and for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Public Works during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026		Senator Angel Bolques, Jr. motioned that Bill No. 36-0178 as amended , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under rule 314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senator Kenneth L. Gittens, Milton E. Potter, and Avery Lewis.	7 yeas
36-0179	An act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Career and Technical Education Board from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the		Senator Angel Bolques, Jr. motioned that Bill No. 36-0179 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under rule 314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by	7 yeas

Bill Number	Short Title	Amendment	Motion	Vote
	fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026		Senators Clifford Joseph, Milton E. Potter and Kenneth L. Gittens.	
36-0180	An act providing an appropriation to the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026		Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr. motioned that Bill No. 36-0180 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under rule 314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senators Milton E. Potter, Avery Lewis, and Clifford Joseph.	6 yeas-- 1 nay
36-0181	An act providing an appropriation from the Anti-Litter and Beautification Fund to the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority and the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works for operating expenses during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026		Senator Avery Lewis, Sr. motioned that Bill No. 36-0181 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under rule 314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senators Milton E. Potter and Clifford Joseph, Sr.	7 yeas
36-0182	An act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026		Senator Avery L. Lewis motioned that Bill No. 36-0182 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under rule 314 section b (4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senator Milton E. Potter.	7 yeas
36-0186	An act appropriating \$6,014,209 from the GVI/JPMC Charitable Fund to the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands Sponsored by: Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.		Senator Avery L. Lewis motioned that Bill No. 36-0186 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under rule 314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senators Milton E. Potter and Clifford Joseph, Sr.	7 yeas

Bill Number	Short Title	Amendment	Motion	Vote
36-0120	An act appropriating the sum of \$341,460 from the Virgin Islands Education Initiative Fund to the Virgin Islands Department of Education for the purpose of conducting evaluations to determine students' eligibility for special education services		Senator Avery L. Lewis motioned that Bill No. 36-0120 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under rule 314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senators Clifford Joseph, Sr., and Milton E. Potter.	
36-0174	An act providing an appropriation from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the operation of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 and amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 27 requiring legislative approval for increased employer and employee contribution amounts to the Government Employees Retirement System	Senator Avery L. Lewis Offered Amendment No. 36-544 and it was seconded by Senator Milton Potter.	Senator Avery L. Lewis motioned that Bill No. 36-0174 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action subject to the closed rule under rule 314 section b(4) of the Rules of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The motion was seconded by Senator Clifford Joseph, Sr.	

The Chair, Sen. Carla J. Joseph, adjourned the Committee on Rules and Judiciary hearing at 12:28 p.m.