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Memorandum: 26-025

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

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

DATE: September 28, 2026

SUBJECT: Committee Report for Rules and Judiciary Meeting on Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Please find attached the report for the Committee on Rules and Judiciary meeting held on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.

CC: All Senators
Chief Legal Counsel
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RULES AND JUDICIARY
September 23, 2026 COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

The Committee on Rules and Judiciary held its meeting on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas. The Committee considered the following Bills:

- **Bill No. 36-0362** – An act appropriating \$34,066,859 for the salaries and expenses of the University of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027
- **Bill No. 36-0363** – An act appropriating \$4,240,574 from the Business and Commercial Properties Revolving Fund to the Virgin Islands Department of Property and Procurement for operating expenses during the fiscal year October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027
- **Bill No. 36-0364** – An act appropriating \$6,300,000 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, 2026, through September 30, 2027
- **Bill No. 36-0365** – 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 during the Fiscal Year October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027
- **Bill No. 36-0366** – An act appropriating \$500,000 from the Education Initiative Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the Department of Education during the fiscal year October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027 for final editing, proofing and printing of hardcover editions of the customized Virgin Islands History textbooks and for completion of kindergarten through eighth grade Social Studies curriculum
- **Bill No. 36-0367** – An act appropriating \$1,500,000 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 during the fiscal year October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027
- **Bill No. 36-0368** – An act appropriating \$3,110,096 from the Indirect Cost Fund during the fiscal year October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027 for the operating expenses of the Office of Management and Budget, the Virgin Islands Division of Personnel, and the Virgin Islands Departments of Finance and Property and Procurement
- **Bill No. 36-0369** – 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 during the fiscal year October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027
- **Bill No. 36-0370** – An act appropriating \$1,100,000 from the Virgin Islands Lottery as a contribution to the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027
- **Bill No. 36-0371** – An act appropriating \$45,950,000 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 Department of

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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, 2026, through September 30, 2027

- **Bill No. 36-0372** – An act appropriating \$12,000,000 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, 2026, to September 30, 2027
- **Bill No. 36-0373** – An act appropriating \$2,750,000 for salaries and expenses of the Virgin Islands Board of Elections and the Office of the Supervisor of Elections during the fiscal year October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027
- **Bill No. 36-0374** – An act appropriating \$2,137,697 from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Board of Education during the fiscal year October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027
- **Bill No. 36-0375** – An act appropriating \$689,681 from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Career and Technical Education Board during the fiscal year October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027
- **Bill No. 36-0376** – An act appropriating \$66,500,000 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, 2026, through September 30, 2027
- **Bill No. 36-0377** – An act appropriating \$49,534,620 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, 2026, through September 30, 2027
- **Bill No. 36-0378** – An act appropriating \$26,121,131 to the Legislature of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027
- **Bill No. 36-0379** – An act appropriating \$3,198,392 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 during the fiscal year October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027
- **Bill No. 36-0380** – An act appropriating \$1,971,910 for the operating expenses of the Public Employees Relations Board and the Virgin Islands Labor Management Committee during the fiscal year October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027
- **Bill No. 36-0381** – An act appropriating \$2,395,129 for the operating expenses of the Public Services Commission during the fiscal year October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027
- **Bill No. 36-0382** – An act appropriating \$554,637 to the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission during the fiscal year October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027
- **Bill No. 36-0383** – An act appropriating \$32,500,000 for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority from the General Fund of the Treasury of the

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Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027

- **Bill No. 36-0384** – An act appropriating \$739,218,837 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, 2026, through September 30, 2027
- **Bill No. 36-0386** – An act appropriating \$1,500,000 from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the St. John Capital Improvement Fund during fiscal year October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027
- **Bill No. 36-0387** – An act appropriating \$1,500,000 from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the St. Thomas Capital Improvement Fund during the fiscal year October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027
- **Bill No. 36-0388** – An act appropriating \$2,000,000 from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the St. Croix Capital Improvement Fund during the fiscal year October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027
- **Bill No. 36-0390** – An act amending Act No. 9035 by reprogramming the appropriated funds to the Department of Education to pay current and prior year obligations for the Department of Education and the Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance
- **Bill No. 36-0391** – An act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 3, part II, chapter 111, section 3039a by revising the allocation of the monies deposited into the Virgin Islands Water and Power Generating and Infrastructure Fund

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Sen. Carla J. Joseph at 10:16 am

Committee Members Present

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

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Mr. Charles Brown, Jr.
 Ms. Jervon Ottley
 Ms. Myrna Pickard

Non-Committee Members Present

Sen. Novelle Francis, Jr.

Committee Members Absent/Excused

Sen. Kenneth L. Gittens, Vice Chair

Legislative Reporters

Mrs. Nataya Munoz-Melchoir
 Mrs. Nadine Coley-Williams
 Mrs. Vashti Gerald-Berry
 Ms. Tricia Sealey

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Sergeant-At-Arms

Mr. Delvin Fleming

Clerk/Timekeeper

Mrs. Delekah Callwood Daniel

Public Affairs/Media

Mr. Bernard Mathews

Ms. Malissa Gustave

Mr. Barry Leerdam

Mr. Jamal Potter

Mr. Omari Hicks

Ms. Chaunte Herbert

Mr. Alwyn Baptiste

Ms. Saidah Sekou

Ms. Diana Cruz

Mr. Kashief Hamilton

Mr. Torian Martin

Additional Supporting Staff

Ms. Shania Nieves

Legal Counsel

Mrs. Nandi Sekou, Esq.

In block one of the Agenda, the Committee considered **Bill Nos. 36-0362, 36-0363, 36-0364, 36-0365, 36-0366, 36-0367, 36-0368, 36-0369, 36-0370, and 36-0371.** Senators proceeded with one (1) round of two (2) minutes of debate time.

Bill Number	Short Title	Amendment	Motion	Vote
36-0362	An act appropriating \$34,066,859 for the salaries and expenses of the University of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027	Senator Avery Lewis offered Amendment No. 36-953 , which was seconded by Senators Clifford Joseph, Sr. and Angel Bolques, Jr., the motion was carried.	Senator Milton Potter motioned that Bill No. 36-0362 as amended , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action under the Closed Rule in 314(b)(4) of the Rules of the 36 th Legislature. The motion was seconded by Senators Clifford Joseph, Sr., and Angel Bolques, Jr.	6 yeas 1 absent
36-0363	An act appropriating \$4,240,574 from the Business and Commercial Properties Revolving Fund to the Virgin Islands Department of Property and Procurement for operating expenses during the fiscal year October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027		Senator Angel Bolques, Jr. motioned that Bill No. 36-0363 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action under the Closed Rule in 314(b)(4) of the Rules of the 36 th Legislature. The motion was seconded by Senators Clifford Joseph, Sr. and Avery Lewis.	6 yeas 1 absent

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36-0364	An act appropriating \$6,300,000 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, 2026, through September 30, 2027		Senator Angel Bolques, Jr., motioned that Bill No. 36-0364 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action under the Closed Rule in 314(b)(4) of the Rules of the 36 th Legislature. The motion was seconded by Senators Clifford Joseph, Sr. and Milton Potter.	6 yeas 1 absent
36-0365	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 during the Fiscal Year October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027		Senator Angel Bolques, Jr. motioned that Bill No. 36-0365 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action under the Closed Rule in 314(b)(4) of the Rules of the 36 th Legislature. The motion was seconded by Senators Milton Potter and Avery Lewis.	6 yeas 1 absent
36-0366	An act appropriating \$500,000 from the Education Initiative Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the Department of Education during the fiscal year October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027 for final editing, proofing and printing of hardcover editions of the customized Virgin Islands History textbooks and for completion of kindergarten through eighth grade Social Studies curriculum		Senator Angel Bolques, Jr. motioned that Bill No. 36-0366 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action under the Closed Rule in 314(b)(4) of the Rules of the 36 th Legislature. The motion was seconded by Senators Clifford Joseph, Sr. and Avery Lewis.	6 yeas 1 absent

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36-0367	An act appropriating \$1,500,000 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 during the fiscal year October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027		Senator Angel Bolques, Jr., motioned that Bill No. 36-0367 be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action under the Closed Rule in 314(b)(4) of the Rules of the 36 th Legislature. The motion was seconded by Senators Clifford Joseph, Sr., Avery Lewis, and Milton Potter.	6 yeas 1 absent
36-0368	An act appropriating \$3,110,096 from the Indirect Cost Fund during the fiscal year October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027 for the operating expenses of the Office of Management and Budget, the Virgin Islands Division of Personnel, and the Virgin Islands Departments of Finance and Property and Procurement		Senator Angel Bolques, Jr. motioned that Bill No. 36-0368 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action under the Closed Rule in 314(b)(4) of the Rules of the 36 th Legislature. The motion was seconded by Senators Clifford Joseph, Sr., Milton Potter, and Avery Lewis.	6 yeas 1 absent
36-0369	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 during the fiscal year October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027		Senator Clifford Joseph, Sr. motioned that Bill No. 36-0369 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action under the Closed Rule in 314(b)(4) of the Rules of the 36 th Legislature. The motion was seconded by Senators Avery Lewis, Milton Potter, and Alma Francis Heygiler.	6 yeas 1 absent
36-0370	An act appropriating \$1,100,000 from the Virgin Islands Lottery as a contribution to the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027		Senator Clifford Joseph, Sr. motioned that Bill No. 36-0370 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action under the Closed Rule in 314(b)(4) of the Rules of the 36 th Legislature. The motion was seconded by Senator Milton Potter.	6 yeas 1 absent

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36-0371	An act appropriating \$45,950,000 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 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, 2026, through September 30, 2027		Senator Clifford Joseph, Sr. motioned that Bill No. 36-0371 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action under the Closed Rule in 314(b)(4) of the Rules of the 36 th Legislature. The motion was seconded by Senators Milton Potter and Angel Bolques, Jr.	6 yeas 1 absent
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In block two of the Agenda, the Committee considered **Bill Nos. 36-0372, 36-0373, 36-0374, 36-0375, 36-0376, 36-0377, 36-0378, 36-0379, and 36-0380.** Senators proceeded with one (1) round of two (2) minutes of debate time.

Bill Number	Short Title	Amendment	Motion	Vote
36-0372	An act appropriating \$12,000,000 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, 2026, to September 30, 2027		Senator Clifford Joseph, Sr. motioned that Bill No. 36-0372 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action under the Closed Rule in 314(b)(4) of the Rules of the 36 th Legislature. The motion was seconded by Senators Milton Potter, Angel Bolques, Jr., and Avery Lewis.	6 yeas 1 absent
36-0373	An act appropriating \$2,750,000 for salaries and expenses of the Virgin Islands Board of Elections and the		Senator Clifford Joseph, Sr. motioned that Bill No. 36-0373 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules	6 yeas 1 absent

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	Office of the Supervisor of Elections during the fiscal year October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027		and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action under the Closed Rule in 314(b)(4) of the Rules of the 36 th Legislature. The motion was seconded by Senators Angel Bolques, Jr., Milton Potter, and Avery Lewis.	
36-0374	An act appropriating \$2,137,697 from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Board of Education during the fiscal year October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027		Senator Clifford Joseph, Sr. motioned that Bill No. 36-0374 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action under the Closed Rule in 314(b)(4) of the Rules of the 36 th Legislature. The motion was seconded by Senators Milton Potter, Avery Lewis, and Alma Francis Heyliger.	6 yeas 1 absent
36-0375	An act appropriating \$689,681 from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Career and Technical Education Board during the fiscal year October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027		Senator Avery Lewis motioned that Bill No. 36-0375 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action under the Closed Rule in 314(b)(4) of the Rules of the 36 th Legislature. The motion was seconded by Senators Milton Potter, Angel Bolques, Jr., and Clifford Joseph, Sr.	6 yeas 1 absent
36-0376	An act appropriating \$66,500,000 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, 2026, through September 30, 2027		Senator Avery Lewis motioned that Bill No. 36-0376 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action under the Closed Rule in 314(b)(4) of the Rules of the 36 th Legislature. The motion was seconded by Senators Milton Potter and Clifford Joseph, Sr.	6 yeas 1 absent

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36-0377	An act appropriating \$49,534,620 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, 2026, through September 30, 2027		Senator Avery Lewis motioned that Bill No. 36-0377 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action under the Closed Rule in 314(b)(4) of the Rules of the 36 th Legislature. The motion was seconded by Senators Milton Potter, Clifford Joseph, Sr., and Alma Francis Heyliger.	6 yeas 1 absent
36-0378	An act appropriating \$26,121,131 to the Legislature of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027		Senator Avery Lewis motioned that Bill No. 36-0378 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action under the Closed Rule in 314(b)(4) of the Rules of the 36 th Legislature. The motion was seconded by Senators Milton Potter, Angel Bolques, Jr., and Clifford Joseph, Sr.	6 yeas 1 absent
36-0379	An act appropriating \$3,198,392 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 during the fiscal year October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027		Senator Avery Lewis motioned that Bill No. 36-0379 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action under the Closed Rule in 314(b)(4) of the Rules of the 36 th Legislature. The motion was seconded by Senators Milton Potter, Angel Bolques, Jr., and Clifford Joseph, Sr.	6 yeas 1 absent
36-0380	An act appropriating \$1,971,910 for the operating expenses of the Public Employees Relations Board and the Virgin Islands Labor Management Committee during the fiscal year October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027		Senator Avery Lewis motioned that Bill No. 36-0380 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action under the Closed Rule in	6 yeas 1 absent

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			314(b)(4) of the Rules of the 36 th Legislature. The motion was seconded by Senators Angel Bolques, Jr. and Alma Francis Heyliger.	
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In block three of the Agenda, the Committee considered **Bill Nos. 36-0381, 36-0382, 36-0383, 36-0384, 36-0386, 36-0387, 36-0388, 36-0390, and 36-0391.** Senators proceeded with one (1) round of two (2) minutes of debate time.

Bill Number	Short Title	Amendment	Motion	Vote
36-0381	An act appropriating \$2,395,129 for the operating expenses of the Public Services Commission during the fiscal year October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027		Senator Alma Francis Heyliger motioned that Bill No. 36-0381 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action under the Closed Rule in 314(b)(4) of the Rules of the 36 th Legislature. The motion was seconded by Senators Angel Bolques, Jr., Milton Potter, and Clifford Joseph, Sr.	6 yeas 1 absent
36-0382	An act appropriating \$554,637 to the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission during the fiscal year October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027		Senator Alma Francis Heyliger motioned that Bill No. 36-0382 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action under the Closed Rule in 314(b)(4) of the Rules of the 36 th Legislature. The motion was seconded by Senators Angel Bolques, Jr., Milton Potter, and Clifford Joseph, Sr.	6 yeas 1 absent
36-0383	An act appropriating \$32,500,000 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, 2026 to September 30, 2027		Senator Alma Francis Heyliger motioned that Bill No. 36-0383 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action under the	6 yeas 1 absent

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			Closed Rule in 314(b)(4) of the Rules of the 36 th Legislature. The motion was seconded by Senators Milton Potter, Clifford Joseph, Sr., and Avery Lewis.	
36-0384	An act appropriating \$739,218,837 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, 2026, through September 30, 2027		Senator Alma Francis Heyliger motioned that Bill No. 36-0384 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action under the Closed Rule in 314(b)(4) of the Rules of the 36 th Legislature. The motion was seconded by Senators Milton Potter, Avery Lewis, Angel Bolques, Jr., and Clifford Joseph, Sr.	6 yeas 1 absent
36-0386	An act appropriating \$1,500,000 from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the St. John Capital Improvement Fund during fiscal year October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027		Senator Alma Francis Heyliger motioned that Bill No. 36-0386 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action under the Closed Rule in 314(b)(4) of the Rules of the 36 th Legislature. The motion was seconded by Senators Milton Potter and Avery Lewis.	6 yeas 1 absent
36-0387	An act appropriating \$1,500,000 from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the St. Thomas Capital Improvement Fund during the fiscal year October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027		Senator Alma Francis Heyliger motioned that Bill No. 36-0387 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action under the Closed Rule in 314(b)(4) of the Rules of the 36 th Legislature. The motion was seconded by Senators Clifford Joseph, Sr.,	6 yeas 1 absent

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			Milton Potter, and Avery Lewis.	
36-0388	An act appropriating \$2,000,000 from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the St. Croix Capital Improvement Fund during the fiscal year October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027		Senator Alma Francis Heyliger motioned that Bill No. 36-0388 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action under the Closed Rule in 314(b)(4) of the Rules of the 36 th Legislature. The motion was seconded by Senators Angel Bolques, Jr., and Avery Lewis.	6 yeas 1 absent
36-0390	An act amending Act No. 9035 by reprogramming the appropriated funds to the Department of Education to pay current and prior year obligations for the Department of Education and the Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance	Senator Avery Lewis offered Amendment No. 36-956 , which was seconded by Senators Alma Francis Heyliger, Clifford Joseph, Sr., and Milton Potter, the motion was carried.	Senator Milton Potter motioned that Bill No. 36-0390 as amended , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action under the Closed Rule in 314(b)(4) of the Rules of the 36 th Legislature. The motion was seconded by Senators Clifford Joseph, Sr. and Avery Lewis.	6 yeas 1 absent
36-0391	An act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 3, part II, chapter 111, section 3039a by revising the allocation of the monies deposited into the Virgin Islands Water and Power Generating and Infrastructure Fund		Senator Milton Potter motioned that Bill No. 36-0391 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action under the Closed Rule in 314(b)(4) of the Rules of the 36 th Legislature. The motion was seconded by Senators Alma Francis Heyliger, Clifford Joseph, Sr., Avery Lewis, and Angel Bolques, Jr.	6 yeas 1 absent

The Chair, Sen. Carla J. Joseph, adjourned the Committee on Rules and Judiciary meeting at 3:22 p.m.