



## *34<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands Senate Calendar*

**Monday**                      **May 10, 2021**

**Time:**                      **10:00 AM**

**Committee:**              **Economic Development and Agriculture**

**Chair:**                      **Senator Kenneth L. Gittens**  
**Vice-Chair:**              **Senator Milton E. Potter**

**Location:**                **Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**  
**St. Croix**

**Agenda:**

**The Committee Economic Development and Agriculture** will meet to receive testimony from the Virgin Islands Port Authority and its Governing Board to provide updates on the overall status of the Authority, capital improvement projects and revenue generating projects that are in place or on the horizon for the authority.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Carlton Dowe**  
Director  
V.I. Port Authority

**Ms. Leona Smith**  
Chairperson  
V.I. Port Authority

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**Tuesday**                      **May 11, 2021**

**RESERVED FOR OFFICE WORK AND CONSTITUENT MEETINGS**

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**Wednesday**                **May 12, 2021**

**Time:**                      **10:00 AM**

**Committee:**              **Economic Development and Agriculture**

**Chair:**                      **Senator Kenneth L. Gittens**  
**Vice-Chair:**              **Senator Milton E. Potter**

**Location:** Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall  
St. Thomas

**Agenda:**

The Committee Economic Development and Agriculture will meet to receive testimony from the various community organizations regarding the local business climate and the overall impact the coronavirus pandemic has had on their members.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Mrs. Lisa Hamilton**  
President  
USVI Hotel and Tourism Association

**Mr. Shaine Gaspard**  
President  
STT/STJ Chamber of Commerce

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**Thursday**                      **May 13, 2021**

**Time:**                              **10:00 AM**

**Committee:**                      **Finance**

**Location:**                      **Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**  
**St. Croix**

**Agenda:**

**Block I**                              **10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Bill No. 34-0004**, “An Act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 1, part 1, chapter 5, section 91 relating to the payment of fuel taxes to change the time for remittance of the tax to the Bureau of Internal Revenue; and for other related purposes”

**Sponsored by Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory**

Invited Testifiers:

**Mr. Joel Lee**  
Director  
V.I. Bureau of Internal Revenue

**George H.T. Dudley, Esq.**  
Managing Attorney  
Dudley Newman Feuerzeig LLP

**Ms. Yolanda Valdes**  
Tax and Insurance Manager  
Total Petroleum Puerto Rico Corp.

**Denise Rodriguez Flores, Esq.**  
Legal Manager  
Total Petroleum Puerto Rico Corp.

**BR-21-0093**, “An Act amending Title 28 of the Virgin Islands Code by adding a new chapter 36 creating the Virgin Islands Timeshare Act” **Sponsored by Senator Kurt A. Vialet**

**Invited Testifiers:**

**George H.T. Dudley, Esq.**  
Managing Attorney  
Dudley Newman Feuerzeig LLP

**Dolace McLean, Esq.**  
General Counsel  
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

**Mr. Robert Clements**  
Vice President of Regulatory Affairs  
American Resort Development  
Association (ARDA)

**The Honorable Richard Evangelista, Esq.**  
Commissioner  
Department of Licensing and  
Consumer Affairs

**Ann Cecile O’Neill, Esq.**  
Acting General Counsel  
Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs

**Lunch**                      **12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**

**Block II**                      **1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**BR-21-0450**, “An Act to establish the Virgin Islands First-time Homebuyers Program and to amend Title 21 of the Virgin Islands Code” **Sponsored by Senator Kurt A. Vialet**

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Ms. Oran C. Roebuck**  
Sr. Vice President  
Banco Popular de Puerto Rico

**Mr. Darryl Griffith**  
Director  
Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority

**Bill No. 34-0058**-An Act amending 17 title Virgin Islands Code, chapter 34 by adding a subchapter III to establish the Virgin Islands Catalyst Fund to provide loans to eligible entities to promote economic resiliency, and to support the retention or creation of jobs, to provide for the University of the Virgin Islands Research and Technology Park Corporation administers the program and fund, and to provide criteria for loan; and making an appropriation” **Sponsored by Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Matt Wexler**  
Director  
National Development Council

**Mr. Kirk Chewning**  
Co-Founder/Partner  
Cane Bay Partners

**Marjorie J. Roberts, Esq.**  
Tax and Corporate Attorney  
Marjorie Rawls Roberts, P.C.

**Mr. Jed Johnhope**  
Private citizen

**Mr. Rich Difede**  
Owner  
Gold Coast Yachts

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**Friday**                      **May 14, 2021**

**Time:**                      **9:00 AM**

**Committee:**              **Government Operations and Consumer Protection**

**Chair:**                      **Senator Carla J. Joseph**  
**Vice-Chair:**              **Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**

**Location:**                **Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**  
**St. Thomas**

**Agenda:**

**The Committee on Government Operations and Consumer Protection** has scheduled a meeting to receive testimony on the following bills:

**BLOCK I**                      **9:00 AM - 10:30 AM**

**Bill No. 34-0034**-An Act amending title 1 Virgin Islands Code by adding chapter 3A enacting the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act, to provide for the management of electronic legal information in a manner that guarantees the trustworthiness of and continuing access to important government legal material **Sponsored by Senator Carla J. Joseph**

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Tom Bolt, Esq.**  
Chairman, Uniform Law Commission

**Mr. Troy de Chabert-Schuster**  
State Director  
U.S. Virgin Islands Uniform Law Commission AARP The Virgin Islands

**Libby Snyder, Esq.**  
Legislative Counsel, Uniform Law Commission

**Mr. Leslie Street**  
Director  
Uniform Law Commission Wolf Law Library

**BLOCK II**                      **10:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Bill No. 34-0048.** An Act amending title 30 Virgin Islands Code, section 125 relating to reading of electric power service meters to limit the amount charged in electric power bills based on estimated consumption **Sponsored by Senator Steven D. Payne, Sr.**

**Invited Testifier:**

**Mr. Noel Hodge**

Interim Executive Director/ CEO  
V. I. Water and Power Authority

**Mr. Donald G. Cole**

Director  
Public Service Commission

**LUNCH                      12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**

**BLOCK III                1:00 PM - 2:30 PM**

The Committee will receive testimony on the Virgin Islands Department of Property and Procurement on the agency's overview to include but not limited to the enabling law, jurisdiction and relative division.

**Invited Testifier:**

**The Honorable Anthony D. Thomas**

Commissioner  
Department of Property and Procurement

**BLOCK IV                2:30 PM - 4:00 PM**

The Committee will receive testimony on DPNR's operations to include, but not limited to, the expenditure of funds, statistical data on permits granted and enforcement citations, as well as fees collected for FY 2021.

**Invited Testifier:**

**Honorable Jean-Pierre L. Oriol**

Commissioner  
Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources