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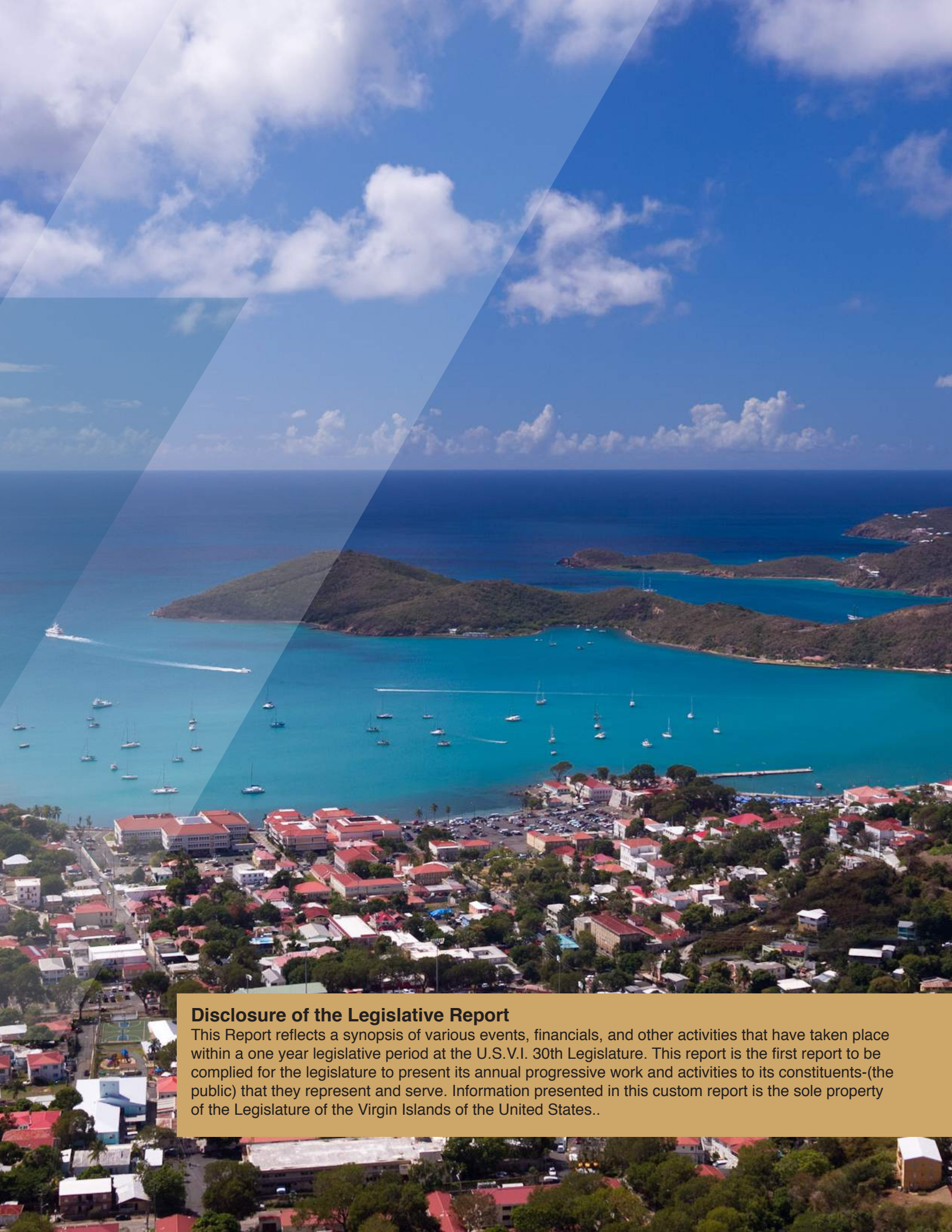
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Annual Report 2013-2014



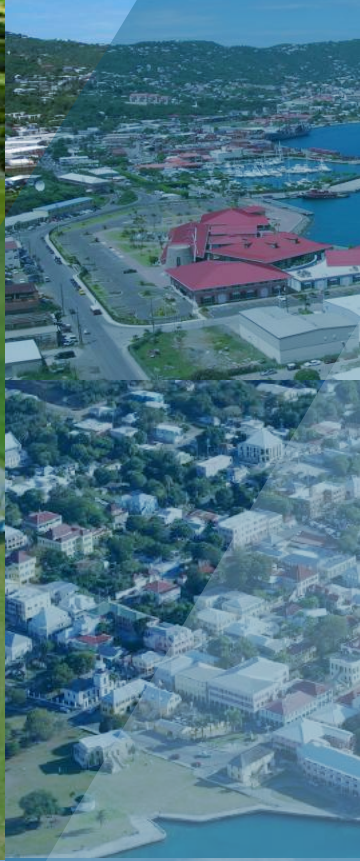
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Disclosure of the Legislative Report

This Report reflects a synopsis of various events, financials, and other activities that have taken place within a one year legislative period at the U.S.V.I. 30th Legislature. This report is the first report to be compiled for the legislature to present its annual progressive work and activities to its constituents-(the public) that they represent and serve. Information presented in this custom report is the sole property of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands of the United States..









Our Purpose

We, the members of the 30th Legislature, affirm that we will strive to represent the noble, just interests of the entire people of the United States Virgin Islands. We will uphold the highest standards of public sector ethics, inclusiveness, fairness, transparency, and justice. The Majority Caucus of this legislative body Coalition of this legislative body will strive to find the political consensus and the will to move the Territory forward. We will work with other branches of government, autonomous and semi-autonomous agencies, the federal government, and the Delegate to Congress to resolve our territorial challenges.

30th Legislature Motto “Leading by Example”

The Virgin Islands of the United States Official Motto “United in Pride and Hope!”

About this report

This annual report reviews and summarizes the performance, developments, and events over the 2013-2014 reporting year of the 30th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. Since this report will be the first annual report we anticipate that successive reports will build upon this report which should include more specific targets and plans that will be documented for key outcomes and outputs, corporate and institutional priorities, inclusive and defined public services, legislation, community related activities, and more detailed financial reports to reflect the level of innovation, accountability, and transparency by each respective future legislative body of the Virgin Islands of the United States.

This report is available on the Legislature’s official website at: www.legvi.org

Quarterly Financial Reports, Committee Reports, Legislation by each respective serving Senator, VI History, Legislative Sessions and photos, the organizations’ directory, daily news, press releases, and more can be found at: www.legvi.org

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of the Virgin Islands

Capitol Building - St. Thomas, U.S.V.I.

Legislative Building, Cruz Bay - St. John, U.S.V.I.



Section I

Welcome to The Legislature

Brief Summary: The following section introduces the current President and Executive Director messages on behalf of the 30th Legislature of the Virgin Islands of the United States.

Legislative Building, Frederiksted - St. Croix, U.S.V.I.





Senate President Shawn Michael Malone

Message From The Senate President

At the onset of the 30th Legislature the members determined to set an example of openness and transparency in the conduct of the public business. That is what this publication is intended to do. Each member of the 30th Legislature has been tasked with reporting on their activities since assuming office in January 2013.

This document contains information reflecting the much-improved fiscal condition of the legislative branch of government. Since taking office we have reduced and taken steps to curtail runaway operating expenses, paid bills from previous legislatures and adopted policies to pay vendors on a timely basis.

We eliminated the aging, costly vehicle fleet. Senators are no longer assigned personal vehicles and pay their own cell phone bill. We adopted and implemented standard operating procedures based upon the recommendations of the Inspector General.

Much more work is needed before we can all be fully satisfied with the operations of the Legislative Branch of our government. However, we have made great strides to implement cost reductions, increase transparency and accountability and improve overall operations. With this publication we document, for the record, some of what has been achieved.

Cordially,
Shawn Michael Malone

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shawn Michael Malone". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Senate President



Executive Director Iver A. Stridiron

Message From The Executive Director

I join the Senate President, Shawn-Michael Malone, in presenting this first ever Annual Report on the activities and fiscal affairs of the Legislature; in this instance the 30th Legislature of the Virgin Islands.

This Annual Report presents in narrative and graphic forms a very active and successful 30th Legislature. The Legislature, for example, has made great strides in cost containment by eliminating senatorial and staff perks, successfully negotiating reductions in dues and fees, contract services, reductions in absenteeism due to mold infestations, reductions in the cost of photocopying and printing services, and many more cost cutting measures generalized in this report.

In addition, the 30th Legislature has, during this term, made good on obligations which were outstanding during the 28th, 29th and earlier Legislatures. Those obligations generally related to employee lump sum payments and the Employer's contributions to the GERS.

The Senators of the 30th Legislature have been extremely active in addressing the social and fiscal ills of the Territory. Summaries of their activities are highlighted in the Annual Report, and we are certain a perusal of each Senator's Section will be informative of the dedication, time and energy the Senators have put into their work within the year 2013-2014 which can be referenced from their listed bills with more detailed information found on the Legislature's Official Website on behalf of the people of the Virgin Islands. Specific or further informative requests on any Senator's activity or that of the Central Staff may be directed to the respective Senator's or the Executive Director.

I therefore, again join the President in tendering this first Annual Report to all residents, and hope that you will find it useful and informative.

Cordially,
Iver A. Stridiron

Executive Director





Section II

Virgin Islands History

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Timeline

Of the Virgin Islands History

LEGISLATIVE MURAL

On the walls of the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall is a historical mural entitled “Chapters in Our Virgin Islands History.” The 4.5 ft. by 24 ft. acrylic painting was created by St. Croix native El’Roy Simmonds in 2000 after thorough research of Virgin Islands history at home and in Denmark.

PANEL 1 – CHAPTER 1 PRE-COLUMBIAN INHABITANTS

This chapter reflects how and where the native Caribs lived and in the distance the ships symbolize Columbus’ arrival at Salt River, St. Croix on November 13, 1493.

PANEL 2 – CHAPTER 2 EUROPEAN OCCUPATION IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

The various flags in this chapter are arranged based on the order of occupants and goes as follows:

- #1 Spain
- #2 Holland (Dutch)
- #3 Knights of Malta
- #4 France
- #5 England
- #6 Denmark
- #7 United States

PANEL 3 – CHAPTER 3 THE TRIANGLE SLAVE TRADE

The top of the painting depicts Fort Christianborg located in Ghana where enslaved African were housed before being transported abroad, and the bottom left displays Fort Frederik on St. Thomas, the sugar mill at Annasberg on St. John and the bell tower in Fort Frederik on St. Croix.

The cracked design (triangle) across the painting illustrates the Danish Triangle Slave Trade and inside the triangle reveals the faces of those who endured torture, and separation of families, country and history of African people. Top left displays Fort Frederik on St. Thomas, the sugar mill at Annasberg on St. John and the bell tower in Fort Frederik on St. Croix. The cracked design (triangle) across the painting illustrates the Danish Triangle Slave Trade and inside the triangle reveals the faces of those who endured torture, and separation of families, country and history of African people.

PANEL 4 – CHAPTER 4 FREEDOM FIGHTERS

The upper portion depicts the Aminas with the burning of the estates signifying their victory in their struggle for freedom on St. John in 1733. In the background there is a hand holding a flag depicting the conquerors from

the nation of Ghana and their decision to “go home to their Maker” rather than endure the inhumane treatment by their colonizers. The middle portion of the painting depicts an enslaved African blowing a conchs Shell to communicate to others that “the time is now” and at the center a scroll held by General Moses “Buddhoe” Gottlieb declaring “All unfree in the Danish West Indies are from today free – July 3, 1848.” The words on the scroll were written by Governor Peter von Scholten, who is to the right of ‘Buddhoe’ along with Ana Hegaard. In the lower section of the painting, Mary “Queen Mary” Thomas, Queen Agnes, Queen Mathilda (also known as Bottom Belly) and Axeline “Black Amazon” Solomon are portrayed during the “Fire Burn” of 1878 on St. Croix.

PANEL 5 – CHAPTER 5 TRANSFER

This page shows the Danish flag, the Donneborg with the right end of the flag folding indicating that it is losing wind in the process of being lowered. The middle flag is the Virgin Islands flag which represents the people and the Stars & Stripes above representing the new mother country, the United States of America.

PANEL 6 – CHAPTER 6 GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS TOURISM

The top portion of this page depicts one of the many cruise ships that dock on a daily basis and reflect of the many Danish ships that have entered the port for hundreds of years.

AGRICULTURE & INDUSTRY

The left portion, in the foreground, shows a sugar mill on St. Croix when sugar was “king” and today St. Croix boasts the second largest oil refinery in the Western Hemisphere, namely HOVENSA.

EDUCATION

In the right hand portion of this page depicts a design of a Danish public school and the University of the Virgin Islands.

TRANSPORTATION

The lower portion reflects on the donkey cart as a means of transporting people and heavy loads, and in the background the VITRAN bus illustrates the progress made through mechanical evolution.

PRIDE

The seal placed in the center of the picture is confirming the development, growth and progress of the people of the Virgin Islands.



PANEL 7 – CHAPTER 7 SELF RULE

This page includes portraits from the first elected governor and out Washington representatives through 2000. Our governors from top left; Melvin H. Evans, Cyril E. King, Juan F. Luis, Alexander A. Farrelly, Dr. Roy L. Schneider and Charles W. Turnbull. The Delegates to Congress are Ron L. de Lugo, Melvin H. Evans, Victor A. Frazer and Donna M. Christian-Christiansen.

The architectural background (from top to bottom) features the façade of Government House in Christiansted, St. Croix; the façade of the Capitol Building in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas and the façade of the White House in Washington, D.C.

PANEL 8 – CHAPTER 8 OUR PEOPLE

The last chapter identifies a few of the Virgin Islanders who have made marked progress and achieved fame in various occupations. From top left going clockwise is: National Basketball Association superstar Tim Duncan; World Boxing Champion and boxing hall of famer Julian Jackson; Bradley Christian known for his love and promotion of our national music and dance, Quelbe & Quadrille; Stanley and the Ten Sleepless Knights; Caroline Adams, the first black female pilot in the VI National Guard; and Emilio “Milo” Francis, leader and founder of the world renowned calypso band, Milo and the Kings, now posthumously renamed “Milo’s Kings” in honor of its founder.

U.S. Virgin Islands Legislative History

The beginning of the Legislature can be traced back to the passage of the Colonial Law of 1852. This law, the first “constitution” of the Islands, provided for the establishment of a unified Colonial Assembly and for a Governor as the chief executive, or to be more accurate, as a Vice Regent of the King of Denmark. The governor, as the king’s direct representative, had the power to issue ordinances which had the force of law. In addition, he had the power to dissolve the Assembly with the provision that this not be done more than twice in two years and that a new election be held within two months of the dissolution. The Colonial Assembly, which served all three Islands, was basically limited to an advisory role. It could only make recommendations which could be accepted or rejected by the governor. In addition, the King still reserved the final authority to reject or amend any law made in the colony.

The Colonial Assembly, in addition to its lack of decision-making power, had serious flaws. It was forced to attempt to combine two incompatible economic systems into one political system. St. Thomas, with a commercially based economy, had totally different requirements from St. Croix, which had an agrarian one. Because St. Croix had a larger delegation to the Assembly than either of the other two Islands, many recommendations were passed which were unfavorable to St. Thomas. To make matters

worse for the St. Thomian delegates, meetings were held on St. Croix. Eventually, because of a combination of transportation difficulties and hostilities, St. Thomian delegates ceased to attend meetings and consequently, none were conducted between 1856 and 1859. Needless to say, this legislative system soon fell apart, and eleven years after its inception, was superseded by the Colonial Law of 1863.

The Colonial Law of 1863 changed the system of government by dividing the islands into two Municipalities which were St. Thomas - St. John and St. Croix. Each Municipality was served by a Colonial Council, both of which could combine as an Assembly on the call of the governor or both Councils. The Councils had slightly greater powers than their predecessors and they had some measure of financial control that is usually inherent in legislative bodies as we know them. However, many limitations on the powers remained firmly in the hands of the King and his direct representative, the governor. All final decisions rested with the King. In addition, the King appointed four members to the St. Thomas - St. John Council and five to the St. Croix Council. An additional handicap was the amount of deliberation necessary to adopt any measure. Before the Council adopted any measure, it was subject to revision three times. The first revision period permitted general discussion, in the

second the governor or the council could make amendments, and in the third, only the governor could make amendments. As aforementioned, any measure was still subject to the approval of the King in order to become law.

The Colonial Law of 1863, besides dictating the structure of government, also dealt with the important matter of enfranchisement. It was the opinion of the lawmakers at the time that landowners and other people of means were those that truly had a stake in the society and therefore should be the ones represented at the polls. As a result, the strict property and income qualifications stipulated by the Colonial Law of 1863 were such that only 5.5 percent of the population was able to vote. This caused a double disadvantage for the average citizen who saw not only a Colonial Council that was practically powerless, but one in which he was unrepresented. To put it simply, the average or “grass roots” people had no voice whatsoever in the running of the government.

The Colonial Law of 1906 was basically an amendment to the Colonial Law of 1863. Of its provisions, the most noteworthy is one which states that before any ordinance is adopted, the opinion of the Assembly must be solicited. While this further insured that the voice of the Councils would be heard, it still gave them no power to enact or influence any legislation.

“The Legislature is one of three co-equal branches of the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, with its own powers delegated by the Revised Organic Act of 1954, passed by the U.S. Congress, which established our local government.”

This law of 1906 was the last “constitutional” document handed down by the Danes and it reflected the fact that to the very end, the Danish government felt that although the natives should be free to express their opinion, the decision making functions must rest with the government of the “mother country.” To the end of Danish rule, Virgin Islanders had little self-government. The lack of self-government, along with dire economic straits for the islands led to the widespread native approval of the sale of the islands in 1916 and their subsequent transfer in 1917. The natives assumed, that along with the rights of American citizenship, they would also receive a greater measure of self—government. As things turned out, they got neither.

When the United States took over the islands, it was a hasty and forced move for which the sole purpose was to prevent the Germans from taking them and thus to improve strategic defense of the Panama Canal. Therefore, the Islands, unlike the Louisiana Purchase or many other territories, were not acquired for purposes of expansion, but simply as a military possession. As a result, the natives were not granted citizenship and the administration of the islands was delegated to the Department of the Navy. The Navy, never known for being socio-politically gifted, decided to leave what seemed to be well enough alone and thus, with the obvious exception of having a Naval officer take the post of governor,

there was no significant change in the structure of government. Under the Administration of the Navy, significant progress was made in the more material aspects of life. New roads and hospitals were built, and efforts were made to improve sanitation and education in the islands. However, the years of the “Naval Regime” from 1917-1931 were long, bitter years for those who sought greater self-rule in the Virgin Islands. The training and temperament of the average ranking Naval officer was not at all suited to the running of a popular government for a peaceful group of people. Therefore, according to the natives, the majority of Naval governors conducted island affairs in much the same manner as they would have run a battleship. To make matters worse, the Federal Administration largely lost interest in the islands after World War I as they had served their original purpose. As a result, there was little or no effort on the part of the administration to oversee the affairs of the islands and the governor was thus left quite free from outside interference. This combination of federal neglect, carried over Danish laws, and Naval temperament conspired to effectively stymie any efforts at self-government.

As the saying goes, the years of the “Naval Regime” bred many seeds of discontent and produced such “radicals” as Rothschild Francis and D. Hamilton Jackson as well as others who fought for greater civil liberties and the removal of the Naval

administration. In 1927 United States citizenship was granted to Virgin Islanders. Finally, in 1931, with the help of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the native leaders had stirred up enough publicity and outrage that President Herbert Hoover signed an order which provided for the transfer of the administration of the islands from the Navy Department to the Department of the Interior. While the yoke of the Navy had been lifted, no structural changes were made in the government and active leaders continued to press for change.

On June 22, 1936 the United States Congress passed the Organic Act of 1936. Under the provisions of this Act, a true system of civil government was set forth for the Islands. The two Colonial Councils, now Municipal Councils with the exclusion of the appointed members, remained, and could still combine to form a Legislative Assembly, but they were given legislative power to pass laws and to override the governor’s veto by two thirds vote, although in this event, final veto power went to the President of the United States. The Legislative Assembly, which could convene upon passage of resolutions by both Councils or on the call of the governor, had the authority to enact legislation for the entire Virgin Islands. To be eligible for membership in a Municipal Council, a candidate had to be at least twenty-five years of age, a qualified voter in the municipality in which he sought election, and be a resident of that municipality

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for not less than three years preceding the date of election.

The Organic Act of 1936 was a major sign of victory for native Virgin Islanders who wanted a greater measure of self-government. Of this act, the greatest features included the granting of universal suffrage and permanent removal of property and income qualifications for voting. This took political control of the Islands from the upper class and “landed gentry” and placed it squarely in the hands of the thousands of working and lower class citizens in the Virgin Islands. Thus, the face of the legislative branch was also changed. Conservative legislators preferring the status quo were replaced by more liberal, sometimes even radical ones who were more dedicated to bringing about social and economic changes and better working conditions for the working man or the “grass root.”

Despite the apparent victories, however, there were still items left to be desired in the new governmental system. Although Councils were empowered to enact legislation and override the governor’s veto, the Congress of the United States still reserved the power to annul any and all legislation enacted by the Virgin Islands government. The President of the United States retained final veto power in the case of a legislative override of the governor’s veto. In addition, the Legislative Assembly, the body that passed laws for the entire territory, was the representative of unified government. It did not

meet with the frequency that would have been desirable and was only empowered to act on bills proposed by the governor or by both the separate Councils. In other words, the Legislative Assembly was not capable of independent action. It can be said therefore, that there was still no viable working instrument to enact legislation for the entire Virgin Islands and that a unified system of government was still woefully lacking. By this point, it was more than high time that one was put into effect. In 1954, this unified legislative system was put into effect when the United States Congress passed the Revised Organic Act of 1954. Among other things, this Act created a unicameral body called the Legislature of the Virgin Islands in which all legislative power was vested. For the first time since 1863, the government of the Virgin Islands was fused into one entity. A relatively equal balance of power between the executive and legislative branches was finally attained. In addition, equal representation from St. Thomas and St. Croix was achieved.

The Legislature created by The Unicameral Legislature created by the aforementioned Act, consisted consisted of eleven members: three from the District of St. Croix; three from the District of St. Thomas; one from the District of St. John; and four at-Large, serving all three islands.

The at-Large concept was utilized solely for the purpose of embodying the unified interest and to reduce

inter-island deadlocks.

In 1966 the Legislature underwent further change when the United States Congress and the Virgin Islands Legislature passed a resolution. The number of seats was increased from 11 to 15 and the distribution changed to the following: seven from the District of St. Thomas - St. John; seven from the District of St. Croix; and one At-Large who must be a resident of St. John. With that move, the Legislature of the Virgin Islands had finally evolved into its present form. It is now a body with the rights and powers enjoyed by most state legislatures of the Union. With the century-long development of the legislative branch from Colonial Assembly to Virgin Islands Legislature, we see an important part of a people’s struggle for self-determination and self-government.

The Legislature is one of three co-equal branches of the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, with its own powers delegated by the Revised Organic Act of 1954, passed by the U.S. Congress, which established our local government. The other two branches are the Executive Branch, which is headed by the Governor and is responsible for administering the laws passed by the Legislature; and the Courts, usually called the Judiciary, which interprets the laws passed.



Fort Christian - St. Thomas

U.S. Virgin Islands Legislative Divisions

Office of the Executive Director

The Executive Director is central to the administration and functioning of everyday legislative business. The Director is responsible for the daily administration of the legislative offices on all three islands, and is assisted on St. Croix by a full time Assistant Executive Director. All bills, legislation initiated by the Governor, zoning change petitions, commendatory resolutions, and formal correspondence pass through the Office of the Executive Director before reaching the floor of the Senate. Acting as clerk on the floor, the Executive Director staff reads all bills, resolutions, and correspondence, and conducts all votes put to a roll call. Additionally, the Executive Director is responsible for the printing and distribution of bills, acts, journals and other official documents; the preservation of legislative records; and the supervision of all employees who may be assigned to his office by the President of the Senate.

Post Audit Division

The Division of Post Audit is attached to the Legislative Standing Committee on Finance. The Post Auditor monitors the financial affairs and transactions of every department or agency of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government. Post audits are made to discover evidence of unauthorized, illegal, irregular, or improper handling or expenditure of funds

Office of Legal Counsel

This office is responsible for bill drafting and research for the members of the Legislature. The Legal Counsel insures that the language of bills that are introduced is legally correct and

consistent with the Virgin Islands Code. In addition, the Legal Counsel advises the Senate on parliamentary procedure and acts as the legal arm of the Legislature on matters of litigation. The Chief Legal Counsel reports directly to the President of the Legislature.

Division of Human Resources

Provides services to all senators and staff.

Division of Business and Financial Management

The Business Office is responsible for computing payroll, per diem, and expense reimbursements for each Senator and employee. The office acts as a purchasing clearing house for all items approved by the Executive Director or the Senate President, and performs all legislative book-keeping and accounting functions as well as compiling and maintaining all fiscal records of the Legislature.

Division of Management Information Systems (MIS)

Provides information technology assistance to all senators and staff.

Office of Media Services

Media Services was established to disseminate accurate and timely reports on legislative activities through print, radio and the Legislatures' own television system; LEGVI TV. The public is served by the daily press releases and reports on the legislative activities for that day, and the weekly up-dates and periodic analysis on controversial or complex bills. The Office also provides an update on the disposition of bills in the various committees.

Legislative Archives

Legislative Archives, headed by a Chief Archivist, is responsible for the effective organizing of documents, and for storing records, and all other legislative reference materials. In addition, Archives works in concert with the Legislative Library, which is under the jurisdiction of the Legal Counsel's Office, giving that office maximum research capability.

Journal Section

The Journal Section is responsible for typing, printing and distributing all legislative bills and journals. The Journal Section maintains a bill register which records each bill, along with its sponsors, committee assignments, and dates of introduction, report to the floor, and adoption, veto, and subsequent action. At the end of each year, the Journal Section prepares a complete resume on each piece of legislation introduced, which is then submitted to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for printing into the Session Laws and subsequent codification.

Legislative Reporters

The Chief Recording Secretary is the Chief Recording officer of the Legislature. The duties of the Recording to record and transcribe verbatim each meeting of the Legislature, and to provide a copy of the verbatim transcript to each member of the Legislature, the Executive Director, and the Chief Counsel upon request. They also record and transcribe verbatim any meeting of a Committee of the Legislature when directed to do so by the President or his or her designee;



Sergeant-at-Arms

The duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms are as follows:

- (a) to attend the Legislature during all of its sittings and to execute the commands of the Legislature, together with all such processes issued by authority thereof as shall be directed to him by the President;
- (b) to enforce strictly the Rules as they relate to order and decorum in the Legislative Chambers;
- (c) if directed, to establish a quorum at each meeting of the Legislature as provided in Section 205 (c) of the Rules; and
- (d) to perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Executive Director, and to supervise such employees as may be assigned by the President to assist with those duties.

The Sergeant-at-Arms is authorized to arrest for contempt all persons in the Gallery found in loud conversation or otherwise disturbing the proceedings of the Legislature.

Facilities Management

The duties of the Maintenance Division are as follows:

- (a) to provide a maintenance, custodial and construction staff of persons qualified and trained in building repairs, maintenance and construction;
- (b) to prepare estimates of materials and labor costs for repairs and construction work to be done on offices and buildings of the Legislature;
- (c) to inspect work performed in the various offices of the Legislature by private contractors in plumbing, painting, repairs, electrical and other work; and ;

(d) to prepare reports to the Executive Director on the condition of the various offices of the legislature in St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John

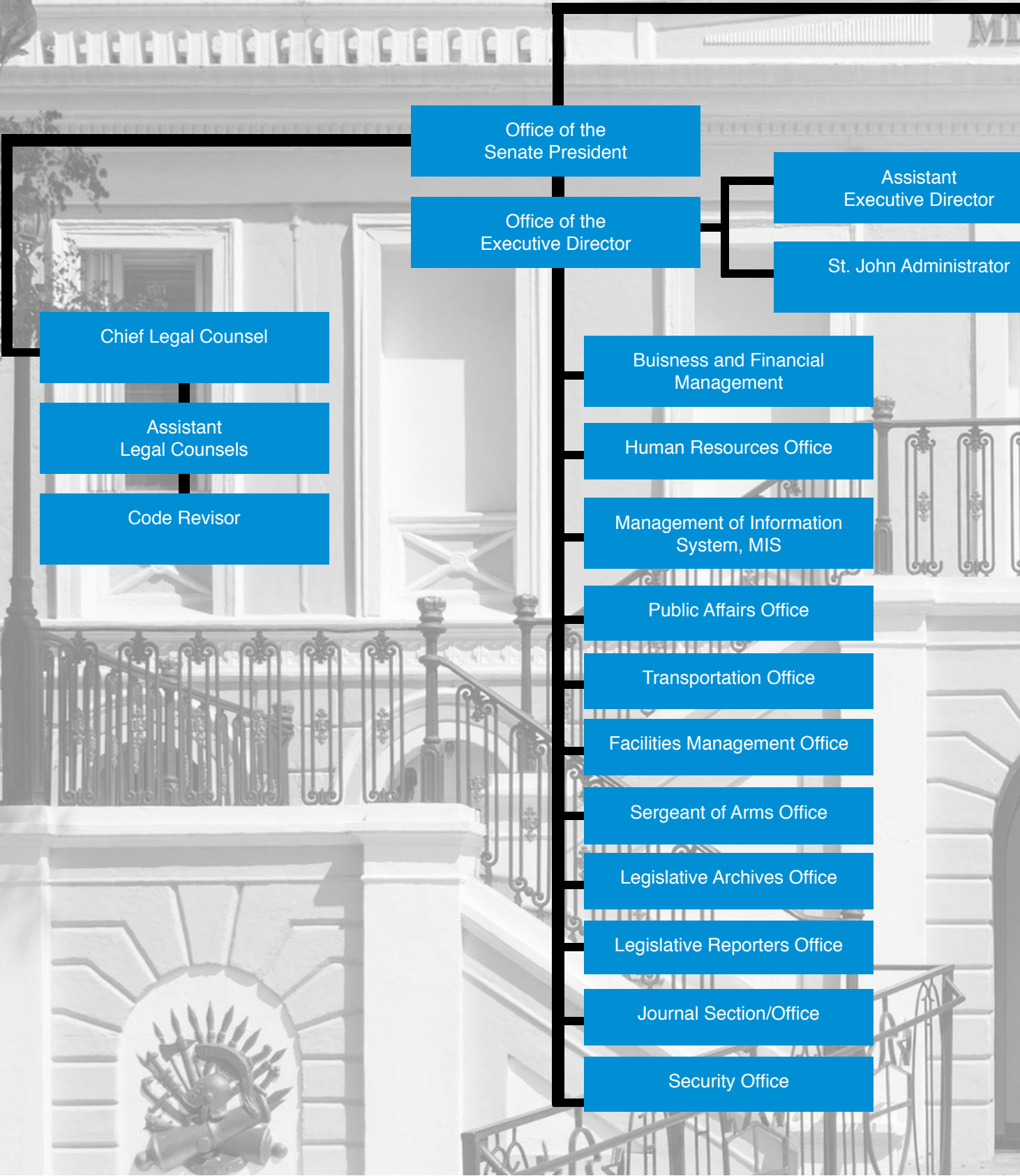
Division of Transportation

Provides services to senators and staff.

St. John Legislature

Provides services to the St. John residents.

30th Legislature Organiztional Chart



Senators

Economic Development,
Agriculture and Planning

Education and Workforce
Development

Finance Committee

Health, Hospitals, Human
Services and Veterans' Affairs

Government Services and
Housing

Energy and Environmental
Protection

Culture, Historic Preservation,
Youth and Recreation
Committee

Rules and Judiciary

Homeland Security, Justice
and Public Safety

Post Audit

U.S. Virgin Islands Legislative Officers and Committees

Officers of the 30th Legislature

The following members are elected to the following offices of the Thirtieth Legislature:

Shawn-Michael Malone-**President**

Sammuel Sanes-**Vice President**

Janette Millin Young-**Secretary**

Donald Cole-**Majority Leader**

Diane Capehart-**Secretary for Intergovernmental and Territorial Affairs**

Clarence Payne III-**Liaison to United States Congress**

Myron D. Jackson-**Liaison to United States Department of Interior Office of Insular Affairs**

Kenneth L. Gittens-**Liaison to the White House**

STANDING COMMITTEES

The following constitutes the chairs, vice-chairs and membership of the standing Committees of the Thirtieth Legislature:

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Donald Cole, Chair

Janette Millin Young, Vice Chair

Tregenza Roach

Nereida Rivera O'Reilley

Judi Buckley

Terrence Nelson

Myron D. Jackson

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING & GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Diane Capehart, Chair

Craig W. Barshinger, Vice Chair

Terrence Nelson

Clarence Payne III

Alicia Hansen

Donald Cole

Clifford Graham

COMMITTEE ON CULTURE, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, YOUTH & RECREATION

Myron D. Jackson, Chair

Shawn-Michael Malone, Vice Chair

Tregenza Roach

Nereida Rivera O'Reilley

Janette Millin Young

Terrence Nelson

Kenneth Gittens

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Craig W. Barshinger, Chair

Clarence Payne III, Vice Chair

Clifford Graham

Alicia Hansen

Donald Cole

Sammuel Sanes

Diane Capehart

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURE & PLANNING

Janette Millin Young, Chair

Myron D. Jackson, Vice Chair

Sammuel Sanes

Nereida Rivera O'Reilley

Diane Capehart

Shawn-Michael Malone

Clifford Graham

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, HOMELAND SECURITY AND JUSTICE

Kenneth Gittens, Chair

Sammuel Sanes, Vice Chair

Judi Buckley

Craig W. Barshinger

Alicia Hansen

Clarence Payne III

Tregenza Roach

Donald Cole

Kenneth Gittens

Myron D. Jackson

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Clifford Graham, Chair

Donald Cole, Vice Chair

Myron D. Jackson

Nereida Rivera O'Reilley

Clarence Payne III

Terrence Nelson

Judi Buckley

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HOSPITALS, HUMAN SERVICES & VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

Clarence Payne III, Chair

Kenneth Gittens, Vice Chair

Alicia Hansen

Nereida Rivera O'Reilley

Craig W. Barshinger

Tregenza Roach

Judi Buckley

Section III

Financial Record

Brief Summary: “The following section briefly presents the current fiscal condition at the 30th Legislature with quick synopsizes.”

Financial Highlights Report Summary

The Legislature has made great strides in cost containment by eliminating senatorial and staff perks, successfully negotiating reductions in dues and fees, contract services, reductions in absenteeism, reductions in the cost of photocopying and printing services, and many more cost cutting measures which are generalized in these brief summarized reports.

Special Note: The 2014 listed appropriations thus far have not been released during the time of the creation of this report. Further detailed information will have to be requested in writing directed to the Executive Director at the 30th Legislature of the Virgin Islands, U.S.

Legislative Fiscal Budget - Year 2014

	• Appropriated	• Released
• Operational Budget	• \$19,000,000	• \$18,683,650
• Capitol Projects	• \$1,000,000	• \$0
• Uniform State Laws	• \$28,000	• \$0
• Total	• \$20,028,000	• \$18,683,650

Legislative Fiscal Budget - Year 2013

	• Appropriated	• Released
• Operational Budget	• \$17,800,000	• \$17,800,000
• Uniform State Laws	• \$40,000	• \$38,800
• Employee Separation	• \$800,000	• \$567,086.94
• GERS Contribution	• \$200,000	• \$175,164
• Unemployment Insurance	• \$1,000,000	• \$29,160
• 8% Restoration	• \$300,000	• \$300,000
• Youth Advisory Council	• \$75,000	• \$37,187
• Transportation	• \$150,000	• \$150,000
• Total	• \$20,365,000	• \$19,097,397.94

Special Note: The 2013 listed appropriations provides a brief summary of what was appropriated and actually spent during this specific year which is in the itemized summarized chart.

Financial Highlights Report Summary

Special Note: The following chart indicates that in 2013, vehicles were being sold and removed based on insurance coverage cost issue(s).

In 2014, there was a sale of 23 remaining vehicles out of the 25 Vehicle Legislative Fleet which were eventually sold and 8 new vehicles were purchased resulting in cost savings.” The chart below indicates that with aggressive

automotive sales of older model vehicles there was a reduction of the Legislatures’ Vehicle Fleet. As a result of newly insured vehicle purchases between the years 2013-2014, the legislature has been able to significantly reduce its annual auto rental and maintenance expenses. For the year of 2014 figures please contact the Executive Director of the Legislature.

Car Rental and Maintenance History

• Year	• Car Rental History	• Year	• Auto Maintenance
• 2001	• \$1,424.42	• 2001	• \$5,419.99
• 2002	• \$2,114.16	• 2002	• \$13,364.26
• 2003	• \$3,493.24	• 2003	• \$21,020.27
• 2004	• \$1098.42	• 2004	• \$47,097.40
• 2005	• \$992.48	• 2005	• \$77,144.13
• 2006	• \$905.41	• 2006	• \$77,288.15
• 2007	• \$2,939.43	• 2007	• \$157,999.64
• 2008	• \$0.00	• 2008	• \$166,790.67
• 2009	• \$4,071.49	• 2009	• \$97,411.98
• 2010	• \$1,168.45	• 2010	• \$124,782.04
• 2011	• \$19,178.93	• 2011	• \$112,898.45
• 2012	• \$12,265.62	• 2012	• \$45,731.25
• 2013	• \$10,027.94	• 2013	• \$45,645.12
• TOTAL	• \$59,679.99	• TOTAL	• \$992,593.35

Financial Highlights Report Summary

Gasoline Purchased Expenses:

This chart indicates that as a result of the purchases of newer more gas efficient vehicle model for the fleet the Legislature was able to save thousands of dollars on fuel even though fuel cost in the territory has steadily been fluctuating.

Cellphone services expenses:

This chart indicates that as of 2013 with the implementation of the 30th Legislature's SOP – (Standard Operating Procedures), the Legislature does not provide cell phone devices to Senators nor Staff, and does not compensate or reimburse Senators nor Staff for use of their cell phones in the conduct of Legislative business. Thus, as of 2013-2014 this measure has ensured that there is no longer a cost to the legislature in regards to the provisions of cell phones and their usage at the Legislature.

Special Note: In 2014 the estimated cost of new car insurance will increase slightly slightly because of "Comprehensive Coverage as of 2014" but will be offset by lower fuel and maintenance expenses due to more efficient engines and new car maintenance warranties

Gasoline History

• Year	• Expense
• 2001	• \$10,811.58
• 2002	• \$22,812.57
• 2003	• \$51,489.77
• 2004	• \$54,986.06
• 2005	• \$75,749.12
• 2006	• \$73,471.96
• 2007	• \$110,350.51
• 2008	• \$128,762.31
• 2009	• \$61,429.04
• 2010	• \$100,863.59
• 2011	• \$87,849.10
• 2012	• \$93,401.60
• 2013	• \$35,791.63
• TOTAL	• \$907,768.84

Cellphone History

• Year	• Expense
• 2011	• \$103,390.00
• 2012	• \$45,288.66
• 2013	• \$5,664.89
• 2014	• \$0.00
• TOTAL	• \$154,343.55

Vehicle Insurance History

• Year	• Expense
• 2011	• \$28,245.38
• 2012	• \$10,316.37
• 2013	• \$4,040.00
• 2014	• \$7,563.89
• TOTAL	• \$42,601.75

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Section IV

Our Senators

Brief Summary: The following section introduces each senator serving in the 30th Legislature of the Virgin Islands of the United States and a sample of their their listed legislation(s) provide evidential support of their work during the year of 2013-2014.



Senate President Shawn Michael Malone



Political Party: Democratic Party
District: St. Thomas - St. John
Birth Place: St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, U.S.
Term(s) in Office: Sixth
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Senate President Shawn-Michael Malone was elected to his sixth legislative term on November 6, 2012. He was born August 29, 1968 and raised on St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands. Senator Malone is the fifth of six children born to the late Roy Milton Malone, a noted Virgin Islands musician and Pauline Monell-Francis Williams. He attended Dober and E. Benjamin Oliver Elementary schools, Bertha C. Boschulte Junior High School and Ivanna Eudora Kean High School and graduated from Sts. Peter & Paul High School in 1986.

Senator Malone obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia in 1991. Prior to his 2002 election to the 25th Legislature, his private sector work included management and auditing duties with the Ritz-Carlton, St. Thomas, the Marriott Frenchman's Reef Resort, and the Michael A. Simmonds Company. Senator Malone worked with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and later as District Manager for Virgin Islands' Congressional Delegate Donna M. Christensen. He was Aide to former Virgin Islands First Lady Joan Harrigan-Farrelly in the V.I. Department of Planning and Natural Resources. He was also Chairman of the St. Thomas-St. John Board of Elections and Vice Chairman of the Virgin Islands Joint Boards of Elections. Upon becoming a senator, he has chaired five major committees and has held every officer position in the Legislature.

The Council of State Governments (CSG) bestowed on the Senator their prestigious Toll Fellow designation in 2006. He maintains a professional affiliation with CSG, the National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL) and the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL). He became a member of the Executive Committee of the NCSL in December 2012. He was then re-elected as the

Vice Chairman of the 12th District for the NBCSL, part of the organization's Executive Committee.

The Senator's numerous legislative achievements include sponsoring the Virgin Islands Smoke Free Act, and changing local laws to increase the number of senators needed to approve Coastal Zone Management permits. Senator Malone has also focused on education and is the founder of the Reading to Achieve learning program, offering incentives for students to improve their reading and communication skills. He is committed to promoting Virgin Islands culture, and legislated Quelbe as the official music of the Virgin Islands; designating March as Virgin Islands History Month, and the establishment of the 5th Constitutional Convention.

He founded the St. Thomas Heritage Dancers and his contributions to Virgin Islands Carnivals resulted in his selection as the Grand Marshal of the 2009 Adult's Parade. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Miss America Virgin Islands Scholarship Organization and Sts. Peter & Paul School, is a member of the Knights of Columbus and holds active membership in Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. His dedication to coaching young athletes resulted in his induction into the National Baton Twirling Association (NBTA) Hall of Fame in 2005.

Consistent with the political activism of his late Great Grandmother Rosa Barthlett, who was a founding member of the Virgin Islands Democratic Party, Senator Malone, a lifelong Democrat, has served as President of the Young Democrats of St. Thomas-St. John (1994-96), and with the National College Democrats organization (1988-90), and was an elected Delegate to the 1996, 2000 and 2008 Democratic National Conventions..

Senate President Shawn Michael Malone

Most Significant Legislations

Bills, Amendments, Resolutions, & Acts

Brief Description

BR No. 13-0119	Title 29, Chapter 14 Title 11, Chapter 23 - To amend the Micro-Loan program and other sections related to the GDB. PREV BR#12-1704.
Amendment No. 30-090	Career Incentive PAY LAW - To amend the law to include all Peace Officers - Currently this is only offered to Police officers. Want to extend to all who have Peace officer status. PREV BR#11-0202.
BR No. 13-0124	EDC Law - To include marine, aviation and renewable energy companies as one to receive EDC Benefits.
BR No. 13-0127	Title 17 - To enact The Public Education Reform Act of 2013 - This is to create one structure.
Amendment No. 30-100	Gross Receipt and Excise Tax Exemption on certain goods - Title 33, Chapter 3, 43 (a), (e) and 50.
Amendment No. 30-121	Creation of Scholarships on Board of Education - Charles Wesley Turnbull PhD Scholarship; Roy Lester Schneider MD Scholarship. PREV BR #11-0294 / #09-0376.
Amendment No. 30-225	GER - Senate Ratification of Investments - To mandate that any investments or loan over \$2 million must come to the Senate for ratification.
Amendment No. 30-265	Zoning Code amendment - To require that application for rezoning must include information on applicants tax status.
BR No. 13-0971, Amendment No. 30-558, Bill No. 30-0184, Act No. 7507	An Act reprogramming funds to provide a local match commerce construction on the Frederiksted Head Start project, funding for the Emergency Welfare Services and Indigent Burials, and to provide additional funding for the Energy Crisis Assistance Program (ECAP).
BR No. 13-0313, Bill No. 30-0044, Resolution No. 1794	A Resolution petitioning the United States Congress to pass and adopt H.R. 92, which would authorize a grant of \$100,000,000 to the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority to alleviate the energy crisis in the Territory and for other purposes.
BR No. 13-0472, Bill No. 30-0197, Act No. 7533	An Act amending title 29 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 3, sections 225 and 226 authorizing solar thermal energy systems and photovoltaic energy systems, including utility-scale solar voltaic energy generation plants as a permitted uses in all zoning districts.
BR No. 13-0967, Bill No. 30-0186, Resolution No. 1796	A Resolution to encourage HOVENSA to find a new owner for its refinery property on St. Croix.
BR No. 13-0799, Bill No. 30-0212, Act No. 7538	An Act providing an appropriation for operating expenses of the Business and Commercial Properties Revolving Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014.
BR No. 13-0801, Bill No. 30-0214, Act No. 7540	An Act appropriating monies for salaries and expenses of the Election System of the Virgin Islands and to the St. Thomas and St. Croix Board of Elections for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014.
BR No. 13-0809, Bill No. 30-0222, Act No. 7548	An Act making an appropriation to the Public Services Commission for the fiscal year October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014 for operating expenses.
BR No. 13-0810, Bill No. 30-0223, Act No. 7549	An Act providing appropriation for operating expenses of the Waste Management Authority from the Sewer Waste Water Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2014.
BR No. 13-0802, Bill No. 30-0215, Act No. 7541	An Act appropriating funds from the Government Insurance Fund for operating expenses of the Department of Finance and the Department of Labor for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014.

BR No. 13-0812, Bill No. 30-0225, Act No. 7550	An Act making appropriations from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund to the Economic Development Authority, Virgin Islands Police Department, the Department of Public Works, the Virgin Islands Waste Management Agency and the Department of Tourism during the fiscal year October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2014.
BR No. 13-0814, Bill No. 30-0227, Act No. 7552	An Act to appropriate monies for salaries and expenses of the University of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.
BR No. 13-0815, Bill No. 30-0228, Act No. 7553	An Act appropriating funds to the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission for the fiscal year October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014 for operating expenses.
BR No. 13-0817, Bill No. 30-0230, Act No. 7555	An Act providing for the operating expenses of the Public Employees Relations Board and the Labor Management Committee for fiscal year October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014.
BR No. 13-0818, Bill No. 30-0231, Act No. 7556	An Act providing for the operating expenses of the Office of Collective Bargaining for fiscal year October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014.
BR No. 13-0819, Bill No. 30-0232	An Act amending title 24 of the Virgin Islands Code relating to the Workers Compensation Administration.
BR No. 13-1025, Bill No. 30-0241, Act No. 7558	An Act providing appropriations for operating expenses of the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands, the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, the Judicial Council and the Office of the Territorial Public Defender.
BR No. 13-1042, Bill No. 30-0242, Governor's No. G30-0012, Act No. 7572	An Act amending title 24 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 12, section 313 in conformity with the Federal Unemployment Insurance Laws.

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Senator Craig W. Barshinger



Political Party: Democratic
District: St. Croix, St. Thomas, & St. John
Birth Place: San Jose, California
Term(s) in office: Fourth
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Senator Craig W. Barshinger, is serving his 4th term as Senator-At-Large in the U.S. Virgin Islands' 30th Legislature. Senator Barshinger was born in San Jose, California, on February 16, 1957. He is the first of two children born to the late Donald and Mary Helen "Mimi" Barshinger. Senator Barshinger earned a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from the University of Delaware, and a Masters in Oceanography from the University of Aix-Marseille in France.

Drawn by the beauty of the Islands, Senator Barshinger has called the Virgin Islands home for 34 years. He began his career as an inventor and entrepreneur. While working in watersports on St. John, he conceived of a device to protect Scuba divers from decompression sickness, the "Bends", which he patented and commercialized. He worked as a Biologist for the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (Division of Fish and Wildlife), Network Administrator for the Department of Education and he served as Delegate to the 5th Constitutional Convention.

Senator Barshinger believes that we all have an individual responsibility to serve our community. Consequently, his community involvement has been extensive including the following: service on the Boards of the St. John Community Foundation, the Environmental Association of St. Thomas-St. John (EAST), the League of Women Voters, the Interfaith Coalition and the St. John Singers. He has

been an active and an honorary member of the Rotary Club of St. John. He is also a member of the Territorial Committee of the Virgin Islands Democratic Party and was a member of the Virgin Islands Girl Scout nominating committee. He has even served as a volunteer in the park, counting sea turtle nests on St. John.

Since taking up residency in the territory, Senator Barshinger has worked towards the progress of the Virgin Islands. Coming from a family that believes in public service, he was prompted to run for office in 1996. He witnessed and lived the everyday problems Virgin Islanders faced and wanted to assist by utilizing the skills he acquired throughout his career.

Senator Barshinger has set a standard of honesty and action. In the midst of economic crisis, he was at the forefront of the legislature, promoting governmental restructuring for efficiency and transparency. He was also key in bringing cruise ships back to St. Croix, implementing a water safety program in schools, initiating plans to construct a vendor's plaza on St. John and allocating funding for the construction of clean energy power plants for WAPA on St. Thomas and St. Croix. As Chairman of the Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection, he looks forward to reducing the costs of energy through his smartgrid and feed-in-tariff legislation and protecting the natural beauty of our Islands.

Senator Craig W. Barshinger
Most Significant Legislations

Bills, Amendments, Resolutions, & Acts

Brief Description

BR No. 13-0170, Bill No. 30-0004, Act. No. 7586	To establish the “Feed-In Tariff Act” and other purposes
BR No. 13-0229	To revise VIC to promote Public Transportation
BR No. 13-0173, Bill No. 30-0009	To require GVI to submit to LVI a restructuring plan on or before 3/1/13
BR No. 13-0178, Bill No. 30-0280, Act. No. 7581	To prohibit and define hate crimes
BR No. 13-1053, Bill No. 30-0277, Act. No. 7574	To amend Act 7233 to ensure that the STJ Capital Improvement Fund be used to STJ capital improvements specifically for conservation and preservation purposes (Convenience Center, preservation of ruins & establishment of the Coral Bay Parcel 7 Marsh Land Trust)
BR No. 13-0181	To reform WAPA and establish the VI smart grid
Amendment No. 30-106, Bill No. 30-0158, Act No. 7580	To require that every VI Government office/agency have a sign posed in the room where the public enters that displays services offered and steps to use services
BR No. 13-0177, Bill No. 30-0034, Resolution No. 1793	To establish “Great Outdoors Month” in the VI
BR No. 13-0179, Bill No. 30-0035	To prohibit all forms of impaired driving
BR No. 13-1062, Bill No. 30-0347	To amend Act 7075 and Act 7168 as it relates to renewable energy
BR No. 13-0251, 30-139	The Town Renewal / Anti-Blight Bill
BR No. 13-0185	To establish an e-business portal by the Dept. of Licensing and Consumer Affairs as a single entry point for business owners to register and renew all permits necessary to do business in the VI
BR No. 13-0246, 30-137	To create single-point resting with VIPD for towing of vehicles to include ticketing, immobilization, towing, storage, and release
BR No. 14-1366	To require the instillation of Indoor Air Quality Monitoring Detectors and Warning System Equipment in every public, private and parochial school building and every child care and early education program in the Territory
Amendment No. 30-886	Amend Bill No. 30-0102 – To allow direct patient access to physical therapists
BR No. 13-0189, Bill No. 30-0158, Act No. 7580	To require that the actual cash value of sick & annual leave of GVI employees be accounted for as it is accrued
BR No. 13-0244, Bill No. 30-0253, Act. No. 7594	To ban insurance policies that prohibit the patient from assigning the reimbursement directly to the provider

BR No. 13-0249, Bill No. 30-0112, Act No. 7523	To amend the retirement laws of the VI which provide that a retiree can work for a max of 75 days while remaining “retired” under GERS
BR No. 13-0306, Bill No. 30-0017, Act No. 7562	To require GVI departments & agencies to adequately annually budget funds for WAPA utilities in budget submissions to LVI
BR No. 13-0578, Bill No. 30-0148	To express LVI’s interest in facilitating a feasibility study on Ocean Thermal Energy and to establish a Memo of Understanding with Ocean Thermal Energy

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Senator Judi Buckley



Political Party: Independent
District: St. Croix
Birth Place: Warsaw, Indiana
Term(s) in office: First
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Senator Judi Buckley was born in Warsaw, Indiana but moved to Alabama, her parents' home state, at the tender age of two months. Her parents, Pastor Wade and Pat Johnson, were missionaries and felt called to the Caribbean. In 1974 when Judi was only eight years old, they packed her and her three sisters up and moved the family to St. Maarten. After starting a church and serving the community for four years, they moved to Minnesota for the next four years – then were called back to the islands. This time they felt led to the island of St. Croix. So in 1982 St. Croix became home. Judi's parents started St. Croix Community Fellowship and remained on island for 12 years.

Judi graduated from Limetree Academy (former Cruzana Manor, current AZ Academy location) on St. Croix. In 1983 Judi was crowned Miss Limetree Academy, and in 1984 she won the Miss VI National Teenager title. The winning prize was a scholarship to Oklahoma City University, so she packed her bags and started college there, majoring in Communications. Judi took a break from school to start a family, then eventually returned and graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of North Florida.

Judi moved back to St. Croix in 1999 with her husband and two children and knew right away that this is where she belonged. She started a small property management/relocation company, and was very active in her children's lives and at their school. After taking a long break from pageants, Judi was crowned Mrs. Virgin Islands in 2004.

She spent the following year working with the Department of Highway Safety promoting seatbelt safety and with MOTTEP promoting organ donation awareness. This is when Judi's commitment to giving back to the community really began.

In 2005 Judi started helping set up Neighborhood Watch programs throughout St. Croix, and was the Chairperson of the Community Integration Team, an advisory group to VIPD, for three years. Since 2008 Judi has been involved with Crime Stoppers USVI; she is the co-founder and former Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, and is now in charge of media relations. Realizing that crime prevention is better than enforcement, Judi is also involved in organizations that work to help put our youth on the right track. For three years Judi was the Vice Chairperson of the Junior Achievement Board, and is the former Executive Director. Judi is an Advisor to the St. Croix Foundation's Youth Advisory Council (YAC), and was a five-year member of the St. Croix Women's Initiative. Judi is passionate about education and enjoys working with her colleagues in the 30th Legislature and other stakeholders to help bring about education reform.

Judi is the wife of Colonel Jeff Buckley, Chief of Staff for the Air National Guard, and is mom to Tyler (25) and Keeli (21) and stepmom to Monica (25) and Jesse (24). Judi's hobbies include singing, acting and cooking.

Senator Judi Buckley
Most Significant Legislations

Bills, Amendments, Resolutions, & Acts

Brief Description

BR No. 13-0005	To establish The Virgin Islands Code of Military Justice which provides a standard of conduct for service members in Territorial Military service similar to that applicable in federal military service.
Amendment No. 30-002	5 V.I.C. subsection 176, section 3816 - To hold 3rd Party Custodians responsible for accused behavior: To amend Bail Law to hold 3rd Party Custodians responsible for The Accuser's Behavior to include forfeiture of property. To remove the possibility of a 3rd Party Custodian for violent offenses.
BR No. 13-0790, Amendment No. 30-003	Title 17, section 89, chapter 9 - Title 17 section 86: To hold provision for Truant officers and hold parents/guardians more accountable for truants.
Amendment No. 30-094	19 V.I.C. 2041 - Noise Ordinance: Amend Ordinance, strike 2041 (h) 1-4; amend 2041 (I) 5. 2042 (D) Amend to add clarification. Provides clarification to Noise Ordinance.
BR No. 13-0228, Amendment No. 30-132	T. 14 V.I.C. section 2 Classification of crimes or offenses - Reclassify section to Misdemeanour I, II, III and Felony I, II, III.
	T. 24 Chapter 17 section 451 ADD (4) - Prohibits an employer or potential employer's use of consumer credit report or credit history for employment purposes if the information is unrelated to the job.
BR No. 13-0291	To create the Virgin Islands Protection from Stalking Act (VIPFSA), which is intended to protect victims of stalking and to facilitate access to judicial protection from stalking victims.
BR No. 13-0437, Amendment No. 30-231	T.24 Chapter 1 - To provide a differentiation between an employee and an independent contractor. Needed for businesses circumventing labor laws with contracts.
BR No. 13-0449, Amendment No. 30-238	14 V.I.C. - ADD Fleeing or attempting to Elude a Police Officer.
BR No. 13-0698, Amendment No. 30-399	Title 5 Chapter 305 section 3561 - To add VIWMA Officers and Senior Compliance Officers to peace officer list.
Amendment No. 30-415	Title 17 section 87 - Repeal Title 17 section 87 as covered in section 130 and will be addressed in the Corporal Punishment Ban bill.
BR No. 13-0724	To allow the Commissioner of Tourism to enter into advertising contracts that will facilitate the use of government websites for private advertisers.
BR No. 13-0775, Amendment No. 30-460	To allow government employees to utilize annual leave to pay debts to Juan F. Luis and Schneider Hospital.
BR No. 13-0900, Amendment No. 30-519	T34 Chapter 8 - To amend the Victim's and Witness' Bill of Rights to make notifications of defendant movement mandatory unless the victim declines.
BR No. 13-0902, Amendment No. 30-521	ACT 7193 - Pursuant to the US Supreme Court Ruling on 3 June 2013, Amend act 7193 to allow for DNA Collection before conviction with respect to serious crimes.
BR No. 13-1162, Amendment No. 30-779	T19, 244-245 - To allow the hospitals to be able to enter into public-private partnerships for profit.
BR No. 14-1239, Amendment No. 30-826	Title 24 / 19 - Unpaid hospital bills shall be collected from Workman's compensation settlements before being paid out.
BR No. 14-1372, Amendment No. 30-930	Amending 30 V.I.C. section 125; new title "Meter reading; estimated billing; customer readings - Make it illegal for WAPA to send out "estimated" bills to its customers.

BR No. 13-0042, Amendment No. 30-030, Bill No. 30-0007, Act No. 7488	Amending Title 20, chapter 38 - This legislation makes rental automobile insurance secondary to any valid automobile liability insurance held by the renter/driver. PREV Bill 29-0351.
BR No. 13-0256, Amendment No. 30-072, Bill No. 30-0012, Act. No. 7513	An Act amending title 27, chapter 9 of the Virgin Islands Code as it relates to the purchase or resale of scrap metal and establishing licensing requirements for scrap metal dealers and recyclers in the Virgin Islands.
BR No. 13-0062, Bill No. 30-0013, Act. No. 7587	An Act amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code, adding chapter 42B, providing for Bullying Prevention Education, Gang Resistance Education and Training and making an appropriation to incorporate Bullying Prevention Education, Gang Resistance Education and Training into the Public Schools.
BR No. 13-0079, Amendment No. 30-057, Bill No. 30-0020, Act No. 7490	An Act amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 33, section 456 and adding chapter 17B relating to the granting of academic credit for and the assessment of prior learning at public institutions of higher education.
BR No. 13-0142, Bill No. 30-0029	A Resolution to petition the Congress of the United States to amend the Revised Organic Act of 1954 to require that the Attorney General of the Virgin Islands be popularly elected.
BR No. 13-0207, Bill No. 30-0036, Amendment No. 30-119, Act. No. 7514	An Act amending title 20, chapter 35 of the Virgin Islands Code by authorizing the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to issue a Virgin Islands Identification Card.
BR No. 13-0265, Bill No. 30-0040, Amendment No. 30-144	An Act to amend title 20, part II, chapter 47, section 708 of the Virgin Islands Code by authorizing the production of proof of issuance by electronic means.

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Senator Diane Capehart



Political Party: Democratic
District: St. Croix
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Term(s) in office: First
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Senator Diane Capehart was born on St. Croix and is the daughter of Charles and Shermaine “Sunny” Walcott-Capehart. She is the proud mother of three daughters and grandmother of one grandson. She attended the St. Croix Central High School and studied Hospitality at Harcum College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

Diane Capehart’s dedication of service to the people of the territory, honesty and hard work compelled her to become a public servant. As a lifelong Democrat, she has always been compelled to offer her services and dedicate her time to serving the community. She is a member of the V.I. Democratic Party, an active member of the New Horizon Women Democratic Club and radio talk show co-host for Women Sense. Capehart is a Graduate of the 2009 Congressional Black Caucus Political Boot Camp.

She volunteered with the Virgin Islands Resource Conservation Development Council, Inc. (VIRC&D) and served as its president. In her capacity as president, Diane managed an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant award totaling \$3.2 Million dollars; the funds were

used to support Coastal & Marine Habitat Restoration and Forestry. She is also a member of the Virgin Islands Environmental Educators (VINE), the 2010 Chairperson for the Nonpoint Source Pollution Committee/Conference, Organizer for the 2009 St. Croix Healthy Encores Lifestyle Festival, a past volunteer for the Frederiksted Boys & Girls Club, and a 2012 Relay for Life Sponsor/Participant. In addition to her community affiliations, she also is an artist who created “Dee’s Island Potpourri.” Her hobbies include swimming and dancing.

For the past 19 years, Ms. Capehart worked for the Virgin Islands Government at the Department of Planning and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Protection in the capacity of Program Administrator for the Nonpoint Source Pollution Program and Building Permits, and prior to that position she was a Supervisor in the Department of Health in the Medicaid Office.

Senator Capehart’s vision for the 30th Legislature has been to work collectively with her colleagues to restore integrity, accountability and transparency to government.

Senator Diane Capehart

Most Significant Legislations

Bills, Amendments, Resolutions, & Acts

Brief Description

BR No. 13-0314, Bill No. 30-0045, Act. No. 7563	An Act amending Title 5 V.I.C., chapter 305, to expand the status of peace officers within the territory.
BR No. 13-0068, Bill No. 30-0006, Act. No. 7512	An Act amending Title 14 Virgin Islands Code by creating the “Computer Crimes Act of 2013”
BR No. 13-0906, Bill No. 30-0235	An Act to institute a 180 day property tax rebate program.
BR No. 13-0064	Title 17 - Truancy Act - To add a new Chapter 45.
BR No. 13-0330	To amend Title 33 Subtitle 1. Part 1 Chapter 27 Subchapter ____ - To allow assignment of retroactive wage payment to Real Property Tax and/or property tax by amending inserting a new section ____.
BR No. 13-0776	To amend Title 33 Chapter 115 - To create a new Chapter ____ to create the US Virgin Islands Government Accounting Office.
BR No. 14-1304, Bill No. 30-0379	An Act honoring and commending Horace Clark and naming the Sports Complex to be built on the island of St. Croix in his honor.
BR No. 13-0076	Title 32, Chapter 2, subsection 21 - To protect territorially significant land and marine resources, promote sustainability of our Territorial ecosystems.
BR No. 13-0905	Title 3, Chapter 9 - To implement infrastructure maintenance fees.
BR No. 13-1005, Amendment No. 30-586	VIC Title 5 SUBCHAPTER III. DELINQUENCY AND PERSONS IN NEED OF SUPERVISION (Children’s Policy). TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 2511a.
BR No. 14-1437	1. TITLE 14 VIC CHAPTER 104 (STALKING). 2. TITLE 4 VIC CHAPTER 8 (MAGISTRATE DIVISION OF SUPERIOR COURT).
BR No. 13-0880, Bill No. 30-0296	An Act amending title 3, chapter 27, section 704 and title 3, chapter 28A, section 753 of the Virgin Islands Code by allowing Government employees to retire without penalty due to the employer’s failure to pay any outstanding employer contributions to the GERS, requiring that GERS process all applications for members seeking to retire whose employer contributions have not been paid in full within 90 days, and appropriating \$2,500,000 from the Interest Revenue Fund and \$2,500.000 from the Insurance Guaranty Fund to GERS for the payment of the employer contributions that have not been paid in full for members seeking to retire.
BR No. 13-0065	Title 34 VIC - Minor Identification Act - To add a new Chapter 14 a.
BR No. 13-0330	To amend Title 33 Subtitle 1. Part 1 Chapter 27 Subchapter ____ - To allow assignment of retroactive wage payment to Real Property Tax and/or property tax by amending inserting a new section ____.
BR No. 13-0357	Title 34 - To create a territory wide emergency alert program for missing individuals who are elderly or have a mental impairment.
BR No. 13-0063, Bill No. 30-0025	An Act amending 14 V.I.C., by enacting the Virgin Islands Home Invasion Act.
BR No. 13-0938, Amendment No. 30-539	To amend title 20, chapter 33, section 340. To clarify the collection of fees relating to Commercial Trailers
BR No. 14-1376	To amend Act 7257 Section 7 - To establish/identify All Public Communication Centers in the Territory as stated in Section 7 of Act 7257.
BR No. 14-1347, Bill No. 30-0380, Amendment No. 30-901	An Act making an appropriation of \$400,000 to the Department of Education to fund the Summer Science and Humanities Enrichment Program.

BR No. 13-1045	V.I.C. - Whereas; inmates of the territories correctional facilities are in need of rehabilitation programs, and Whereas; rehabilitation reentry experts identified the accomplishments of programs funded by the Second Chance Act and highlighted the ongoing need for support of effective, evidence-based reentry initiatives, and...
BR No. 13-1104	TO AMEND TITLE 10 and by adding a new Chapter 10 to read: Disability Civil Rights Act of 2013 - To create a civil rights act relating to those with disabilities.
BR No. 13-0542, Bill No. 30-0095	An Act amending Title 12, chapter 1, section 33 by repealing it in its entirety due to rampant destruction of crops, gardens and seedlings by iguanas and agoutis.
BR No. 14-1330, Amendment 30-892	Title 29 - To add a new section ___ to Title 29, Chapter 3, section 235 (Administration & Enforcement). To mandate that pre-Application zoning meetings with applicants and affected division within the department rezoning and variances.
BR No. 14-1360	TO AMEND VIC TITLE 7 BY DELETING AND REINSTATING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE EXISTING LAW GOVERNING AGRICULTURE - To create the USVI Agriculture, Aquaculture and Mari-culture Authority.
Amendment 30-1011	Amend Title 30 VIC Section 25 - To Remove The Expense Of Investigation As An Operating Expense.

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Senator Donald G. Cole



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Senator Donald G. Cole was born to the proud parents Sylvia Cole and Gerald Lewis on the Island of Nevis, WI. As a young child, Cole migrated to the United States Virgin Islands, where he settled on the Island of St. Thomas with his mother and step-father, Fred Williams, and his ten other siblings.

Educated in the Virgin Islands Public School System, Cole enrolled at the University of the Virgin Islands upon his graduation from Charlotte Amalie High School in 1977. Cole, subsequently, transferred to Kent State University where in 1982 he graduated with a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Political Science.

During his summer vacations, Senator Cole worked as an intern in the Office of the Legislative Legal Counsel during the Presidencies of the Honorable Elmo D. Roebuck in the 13th Legislature and the Honorable Ruby M. Rouss in the 14th Legislature. Upon his graduation from Kent State University, Cole returned to St. Thomas to work in the Legislature as a Legal Intern in the Office of Legal Counsel.

During his tenure as a legislative employee, Cole worked with twelve different senate presidents and served in the capacity of Legal Intern, Legislative Aide, Assistant to the Executive Director, Timekeeper, Chief Researcher, and Chief Archivist.

Senator Cole, along with his long time friend Mitch Davis, are the proud co-designers of the "Great Seal" of the United States Virgin Islands. During his years of employment at the USVI Legislature, Cole found time to acquire a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of the Virgin Islands in 1995.

On November 3, 1998 Cole was elected to the 23rd Legislature of the Virgin Islands on November 7, 2000, he was Re-Elected to the 24th Legislature. In 2012 he was elected to the 30th Legislature. Cole has served as the Chairman of the Committee on Government Operations, Majority Leader, Planning and Environmental Protection, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture and Consumer Protection as well as the Liaison to Congress.

In conjunction with serving in the Legislature, Cole taught U.S., Virgin Islands and Caribbean History at the Addelita Cancryn Junior High School for four years. He has served as the Assistant Director of Libraries, Archives and Museums for five years. Most recently, Cole served as the Chairman of the Public Services Commission. In addition to his body of work as a public servant, Cole is married to the former Cherrie Wallace and is the proud father of Nayquane, Nicole, Danielle, Dimitri, Dominique and Demoré.

Senator Donald G. Cole

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BR No. 13-0058, Amendment No. 30-051	To provide a \$7 million appropriation beginning 2013 from the Internal Revenue Matching Fund as a direct payment to GERS.
Amendment No. 30-041	To amend the V.I.C. to institute surveillance cameras above all traffic signals in the V.I.
BR No. 13-0787, Amendment No. 30-476	To appropriate the sum of \$150,000 in the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2014 from the General Fund to the Public Finance Authority, to construct a multipurpose sports complex.
Amendment No. 30-546	The Superior Court shall expand the sum of \$64,569.88 from its Fiscal Year 2013 appropriations - To pay legal fees incurred by Defense Counsel as a result of U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit case No. 11-4471.
BR No. 13-1133	Official Zoning Map No. STZ-10 - To amend Official Zoning Map No. STZ-10.
BR No. 14-1341	To prohibit the Lt. Governor's office from billing more than one current property tax obligation per year. Additionally an amnesty on past years obligation that tied up in the courts of the Virgin Islands relative to formula to assess property taxes. Those property taxes in question should be Islands relative to formula to assess property taxes. Those property taxes in question should be allowed to pay only 65% if paid up on or before December 30, 2016 the property owner under this status will be forgiving penalties and interest.
BR No. 14-1413	Virgin Islands Port Authority/VI Finest Foods, LLC - To amend the Official Zoning Map No. STZ-4 form P (Public) to B-2 (Business-Secondary/Neighborhood) for Parcel No. 68D Estate Lindberg Bay, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.
BR No. 13-0173, Bill No. 30-0009	An Act requiring a restructuring plan for the Government of the Virgin Islands, and amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 25, section 452 (b).
BR No. 13-0050, Amendment No. 30-045, Bill No. 30-0014, Act No. 7487	An Act appropriating \$103,750 in Fiscal Year 2013 to U.S. Virgin Islands Little League District exclusively, to participate in the 2013 Baseball Region Tournaments.
BR No. 13-0224, Amendment No. 30-128, Bill No. 30-0055, Act No. 7474	An act to amend the amount of the administrative fee for probationary services.
BR No. 13-0235, Amendment No. 30-134, Bill No. 30-0063, Act No. 7519	An Act amending Title 5 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 407, section 4606, by requiring that the Territorial Parole Board notify victims when an inmate is paroled.
BR No. 13-0165, Bill No. 30-0070	An Act requiring the Department of Agriculture to employ a marketing director.
BR No. 13-0509, Bill No. 30-0078, Act No. 7479	An Act rezoning Parcel Nos. 40A and 40B Estate Smith Bay, St. Thomas from B-4 (Business-Residential Areas) to C (Commercial).
BR No. 13-0511, Bill No. 30-0079, Act No. 7480	An Act rezoning Parcel No.18A Estate Smith Bay, St. Thomas from R-3 (Residential-Medium Density) to B-2 (Business-Secondary/ Neighborhood).
BR No. 13-0513, Bill No. 30-0080, Act No. 7481	An Act granting a variance to Plot No. 75, Estate Boetzberg, East End Quarter "A", St. Croix from the uses permitted in the B-2 (Business-Secondary Neighborhood) Zoning District to allow for manufacturing ice.

BR No. 13-0388, Bill No. 30-0081, Act No. 7482	An Act rezoning Parcel No. 8-4-1-B Estate Carolina, and granting a use variance to Parcel Nos. 8-4-1-A, 8-4-1-B, and 8-4-1 Remainder No. 1 Coral Bay Quarter, St. John for operation of an Eco-Resort and community commercial center.
BR No. 13-0270, Bill No. 30-0082, Act No. 7485	An Act amending title 8 Virgin Islands Code adding chapter 4 relating to liability for injury or damage resulting from intoxication.
BR No. 13-0525, Amendment No. 30-236, Bill No. 30-0084, Act No. 7484	An Act to postpone implementation of the school calendar changes in the 2013-2014 school year.
BR No. 13-0340, Amendment No. 30-173, Bill No. 30-0091, Act No. 7494	An Act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 3, section 57(b) relating to the Marine Terminal Tax.
BR No. 13-0341, Bill No. 30-0092	An Act to authorize the Virgin Islands Government to purchase Estate Catherineberg from WICO by offsetting payments owed in lieu of taxes, as mandated by Act No. 5826, as amended.
BR No. 13-0288, Bill No. 30-0109, Act No. 7579	An Act amending title 14, chapter 24, section 503 of the Virgin Islands Code by adding definitions of sexual conduct and sexual contact and by amending title 14, chapter 85, section 1699 by adding a definition of sexual conduct and amending the definition of sexual contact.
BR No. 13-0259, Bill No. 30-0134, Act No. 7527	To make the "Queen Conch Shell" the official shell of the Virgin Islands.
BR No. 13-0189, Bill No. 30-0158, Act No. 7580	An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 25, subchapter VI, section 581 pertaining to unused annual leave.
BR No. 13-0788, Amendment No. 30-477, Bill No. 30-0193, Act No. 7571	An Act amending title 5 Virgin Islands Code, Subtitle 1, Part IV, Chapter 43, §478 as it relates to exemption of homesteads from judgment.
BR No. 13-0299, Bill No. 30-0245, Resolution No. 1801	A Resolution to recognize and honor the contributions and accomplishments of the Virgin Islands National Guard.

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Senator Kenneth L. Gittens



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Senator Kenneth L. Gittens, was born in Christiansted, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands on June 3, 1971, to Doris L. (Williams) Joseph of St. Thomas, and Keith R. Gittens, Sr. (deceased) of St. Croix. He is a product of the public school system (kindergarten through senior high school). He attained his high school diploma in 1990 from the St. Croix Central High School and later that year joined the ranks of the Virgin Islands Police Department (VIPD).

During the course of his career, in 2000, he received an Associates of Science Degree in Police science and Administration from John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Continuing his educational pursuits, he obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from the Columbia Southern University in 2008 and 2011 respectively. Additionally, he received numerous departmental and community service awards and medals for his outstanding service. These awards and medals include: Community Service Award - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (1993), V.I. Commendation Medal/Award - Governor Alexander A. Farrelly (1994), Exceptional Service Award - Virgin Islands Police Dept. (1998), Meritorious Award - Virgin Islands Police Dept. (1998), Humanitarian Award - Virgin Islands Police Dept. (1998), Recognized by the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association (2004), and Special Congressional Recognition - U.S. House of Representatives (2005) just to name a few.

From a young age, his ambition was indeed to serve his community; this Senator Gittens has done through exemplary service as a Police Pre-Cadet, Police Cadet, J.R.O.T.C Cadet – acting Command Sergeant Major, Head of School Safety and Student Council Representative and now as a Senator. His love and admiration for his profession in the law enforcement and criminal

justice fields for the last 20 plus years is immense. He served diligently in the ranks of Police Auxiliary Officer, Police Officer, Police Detective, Police Corporal, Police Sergeant, and Police Lieutenant; and in the positions of 1st Executive Security Director – V.I.P.D., Acting Police Inspector, Special Assistant to the Police Commissioner and as a Fraud/Internal Investigator with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security within the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

During his professional career, Senator Gittens simultaneously continued his community service through touching the lives of our youth in the community: St. Patrick's School Drill Team Coordinator, Police Athletic League Instructor (& C.H.S. Drama Club), Police Pre-Cadet Program Advisor, Youth Conservation Corps (Senior Cadre) V.I.N.G., and Spearheaded & Organized a Youth March-Rally Against Violence.

Senator Gittens is an active or former member of the following organizations: Cub Scouts of America, Boys Scout of America, National Law Enforcement Explorers Association, National Governor's Security Association, John Jay Student Alumni Association, Gentlemen of Jones, Inc., Retired V.I. Law Enforcement Officers Organization, Law Enforcement Supervisors Union Board Member, Peace Officer Standard Training (POST) Council Member, Vice President of the St. Croix Festival Committee, and Presenter – Parent University for the Department of Education. Senator Gittens has one daughter, Shonnet A.Q. Gittens, and is an active member of the Friedensberg Moravian Church where he was baptized and confirmed.

Senator Kenneth L. Gittens

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BR No. 13-0220, Amendment No. 30-124	Title 3, Section 112 (a) - To clarify that no person in the Virgin Islands is eligible to be an Attorney General unless he/she is a qualified practitioner of law regularly admitted to practice before the highest court of the US Virgin Islands.
BR No. 13-0271	Title 14, chapter 55 section 1083 - To modernize Grand Larceny.
BR No. 13-0368	To amend the law for retirees of the Government Employees Retirement System (GERS) Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) criteria to restore and pay retirees whose annuity is \$25,000 or less.
BR No. 13-0488, Amendment No. 30-261	To create an Anti-bullying and Anti-Harassment Act for all schools in the Virgin Islands with penalties.
BR No. 13-0506	To honor and commend the career accomplishments of Kevin Krigger.
BR No. 13-0562	To honor and commend the career accomplishments of Victor Lebron.
BR No. 13-0652, Amendment 30-368	To establish a bill requiring the transfer of \$250,000 from the Public Finance Authority to the Department of Education for the purchase of gymnasium bleachers for the St. Croix Educational Complex; \$245,000 from the PFA to the Virgin Islands Police Department for the purchase of five fully equipped K-9 police vehicles (1 STX, 2 STT & 1 STJ); \$10,000 from the PFA to VITEMA for the purchase of emergency call boxes; and \$10,000 from the PFA to the Ebonites Steel Orchestra.
BR No. 13-0668, Amendment No. 30-371	To merge the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) with the Virgin Islands Fire Department.
Amendment No. 30-423	No. 30-0066 is amended in Section 1, line 3, after "89", by inserting "\$ 2494".
BR No. 13-0730	To honor and commend Celia Torres Garcia Maldonado "aka" Cielo for her contributions to the Virgin Islands Community and to name the St. Croix Majorettes' Headquarters located at #1 Peter's Rest, C'Sted, VI in her honor.
Amendment No. 30-457	Amendment 30-0011 section 1 41 (b) (2) delete "or" and insert 'and' Page 4 subsection (f) line 8 remove the phrase "the Virgin Islands Board of Education" from line 8 and place it on line 6 behind the phrase "The University of the Virgin Islands".
BR No. 13-0781, Amendment No. 30-469	Title 3 - To amend VI Code Title 3 to add a section that will establish the "Police Reserve".
Amendment No. 30-473	An amendment to Bill No. 30-0131 subsections (d), (e), (f), and (g) - This amendment is submitted to amend the funding identified in Bill No. 30-0131 to provide as a priority and to segregate a total of \$15,000,000 of the funds identified in this bill amending Act No. 7342 for the design, construction and completion of a 100 room hotel, conference center, 25 meter swimming pool and activity area in La Grange, Federiksted, St. Croix and to purchase through Housing Finance Authority property for a retirement complex and/or moderate income housing for Virgin Islands retirees and residents.
BR No. 13-0789, Amendment No. 30-478	To restructure the Hospital Board.
Amendment No. 30-501	To enhance accountability of applicants for the Morris F. DeCastro grant-loan and any other Board of Education scholarships.
BR No. 13-0888	To commemorate the Nigel Hodge Foundation for its work in combating cancer and raising public awareness in the territory, and to establish an annual proclamation each November in honor of Nigel Hodge birthday and the anniversary of the Nigel O. Hodge Foundation.
Amendment No. 30-515	Title 19 Virgin Islands Code subsection 1563 - To amend Title 19 Virgin Islands Code subsection 1563 (4) to clarify the language.

BR No. 13-0908, Amendment No. 30-523	To repeal Act No. 6965 and reinstate the administrative structure that existed under Act No. 6687 and mandate that the Supreme Court establish a Judicial Management Advisory Committee and Consolidate the Supreme and Superior Court Administrations under a central Judicial Branch Administrator.
BR No. 13-1009, Amendment No. 30-587	Title 3 Virgin Islands Code, section 559(c). To make night differential pay applicable to any fulltime government employee who, regardless of shift work, works between the hours of 6pm to 6am(See Act 7574 section 21).
Amendment No. 30-593	Title 5, VI Code Section 3561, Amending Bill 30-0045 - To amend Bill 30-0045 to clarify positions/ position titles and include specific language for minimum eligibility requirements.
BR No. 13-1013, Amendment No. 30-594	To require that all appointees to the Governor's Cabinet, be re-nominated and forwarded to the Legislature for re-confirmation; for each term.
Amendment No. 30-595	Title 3, V.I. Code Subsection 112 (b) - To establish a more transparent way of appointing the Attorney General.
BR No. 13-1014, Amendment No. 30-596	To increase the mortgage loan amount for "active" Government Employees Retirement System (GERS) members from \$250,000 to \$350,000.
BR No. 13-1015, Amendment No. 30-597	To increase the automobile loan amount for "active" Government Employees Retirement System (GERS) members from \$18,000 to \$35,000.
BR No. 13-1016, Amendment No. 30-598	To increase the personal loan amount for "active" Government Employees Retirement System (GERS) members from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

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Senator Clifford F. Graham



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Senator Clifford F. Graham was born on St. Thomas, U. S. Virgin Islands on October 7, 1965 to Irene Graham and the late Charles E. Graham. He attended the James Madison and E. Benjamin Oliver Elementary schools, the Berta C. Boschulte Junior High School, and is a 1983 graduate of the Ivanna Eudora Kean High School. Clifford's education continued, first at the College of the Virgin Islands then at Hampton University, Hampton VA, where in 1989 he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Building Construction Technology.

Upon graduation, Senator Graham accepted a job in construction management with Walbridge Aldinger, in Detroit, Michigan. In 1991, was recruited back to the Virgin Islands by the Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources to work in the Building Permits Division. After an exemplary work performance, Clifford was selected as the 1993 Department of Planning & Natural Resources' Employee of the Year. In 1994, Clifford transferred to the Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority and worked in their Planning and Construction Division. In 1995, he was again selected for his exemplary work performance and represented the Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority as their Employee of the Year. In 1996, Senator Graham was promoted to the Director of Planning and Construction, where he was responsible for all of the Authority's Affordable Housing planning and development throughout the Territory.

On July 30, 2001, after the retirement of the Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority's Executive Director, Senator

Graham was selected by the Board of Directors to serve as the Interim Executive Director. He served as Interim Executive Director for a year, and in July 2002 the Board of Directors selected him to serve as the Authority's 5th Executive Director, a position he held until April 18, 2011. As Executive Director, Senator Graham spearheaded a plan for the Authority to erase several years of budget deficits and to complete its own mission of achieving ownership by moving from rental office space into their own building in 2006. The outstanding accomplishments and strong leadership at the Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority, resulted in the Government of the Virgin Islands implementation of a plan which in the troubled Community Development Block Grant and the Emergency Housing programs were merged into the Authority in 2008. Immediately thereafter, Clifford led the task of transforming the dilapidated housing stock of the former Emergency Housing into new affordable housing communities.

Senator Graham was elected to the 30th legislature where he serves as chairman of the Finance Committee. Senator Graham has maintained a strong commitment to his community by volunteering, as a Board Member of My Brother's Workshop and as the Board Treasurer of the St. Thomas Federal Credit Union. Senator Graham has been married for over 15 years to Arlene Athill from St. Croix and is the loving father of two boys; Omari and Ahmad.

Senator Clifford F. Graham
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BR No. 14-1377, Amendment No. 30-942	Bill 30-0337 - To amend Bill 30-0337 to establish that the public corporation be placed directly under the auspices and ownership of the Government Employee Retirement System (GERS) with the proceeds going towards the unfunded liability.
BR No. 13-0871	To make the Office of the Inspector General a Semi-Autonomous agency.
BR No. 14-1369	25 VIC Chapter 3 section 41 - To amend 25 VIC Chapter 3 section 41 to establish an inter-island marine public transportation fee and surcharge; to establish an inter-island marine public transportation fund; to designate inter-island marine franchise operation fee exemptions and for other purposes.
BR No. 13-0552	To provide a tax incentive for businesses other than those selling jewelry, perfume and handbags to establish a presence on Main Street to diversify the shopping zone.
BR No. 13-0616, Amendment No. 30-344	To collect two percent of all insurance policies to pay retroactive salaries. This collection should be for five (5) years or until all outstanding retroactive at time of enactment is paid off.
BR No. 13-0650	An Act to establish the Backstreet Revitalization Project and for other purposes.
BR No. 13-0985, Amendment No. 30-567	To put oversight of non-federally chartered credit unions under the banking and insurance division of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.
BR No. 13-1070	An Act to regulate Towing and Vehicle Immobilization services within the Territory. (Preempted).
BR No. 13-1081, Amendment No. 30-998	To reduce the custom duties on cigarette (Information came in from the Senator requesting to change cigarette to beers).
Amendment No. 30-725	3 V.I.C. Ch 28 a Section 770 (l) (i) - To amend 3 V.I.C. Ch 28A Section 770 (l)(i) by striking all the language after the word “judges” and inserting the words “and magistrate of the Superior Court and the justices of the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands.”
Amendment No. 30-737	Bill 30-0272 - To amend Bill 30-0272, section 3 by striking “fourth Wednesday in May” and replacing it with “first Monday in July”; and striking “first Monday in June” and replacing it with “fourth Wednesday in May”; and by deleting section 2 in its entirety.
Amendment No. 30-772	To amend Title 29, Chapter 12, subchapter III, sections 747,747a-7471: (Act 7344 Bill 29-0146) to enhance incentives for film, recording and print ad production in the territory.
BR No. 13-1187, Amendment No. 30-793	Title 3, Chapter 25 - To amend Title 3, Chapter 25, of the Virgin Islands Code; by adding section (f) to read; any employee of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands that was dismissed from government services within the past 5 years and return to government services shall have their sick leave reinstated at the amount prior to their dismissal.
Amendment No. 30-914	Bill No. 30-0300 - To offer an incentive for EDC beneficiaries to purchase a home.
BR No. 14-1370, Amendment No. 30-922	32 VIC Chapter 21 - To amend 32 VIC Chapter 21 to provide a percentage of monies to fund the promotion of horse racing in the St. Thomas/ St. John district.

Amendment No. 30-928	Bill No. 30-0153 - To amend Bill No. 30-0153 section 1024 (a) (2) by adding the following at the end of the sentence: For the following activities the additional percentages indicated may be stacked, but in no event may benefits exceed 35%.
Amendment No. 30-938	Bill No. 30-0337, Section 2 & Section 5 - A. To amend Bill No. 30-0337, Section 2 by changing the board membership from seven to nine, two members shall be appointed by the President of the Legislature. B. Amends Section 5, by deleting "\$1,000" and inserting "\$250.00".
BR No. 13-0030	To implement that Cash for Gold and other precious metals payment be delayed for one week before completing transaction. This legislation is created to safeguard against the sale of stolen gold and other precious metals.
BR No. 14-1420, Amendment No. 30-980	To enable the Internal Affairs Division of the Virgin Islands Police Department to be the investigative body for all local law enforcement agencies of the Virgin Islands Government.
BR No. 130467, Amendment No. 30-0102	An Act to revise Title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, subchapter VIII governing Physical Therapy, to protect public health, safety and welfare of the people of the Virgin Islands, and provide for territorial administrative control, supervision, licensure and regulation of the practice of physical therapy in the Virgin Islands.
BR No. 13-0626, Amendment No. 30-352, Bill No. 30-0167	An Act amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 33 by adding section 331a pertaining to the registration of commercial motor vehicles.
BR No. 13-0876, Amendment No. 30-497, Bill No. 30-0250, Act No. 7560	An Act amending title 32 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 21 article II relating to the composition of the Casino Control Commission.
Amendment No. 30-013	To amend Act 6238, Sec. 3B - To restructure the Community Development Block Grant. This measure amends the reprogramming process which hinders expending annual funding in a timely manner.
Amendment No. 30-111	Title Three, Chapter 25, subsections 634 and other relevant parts - To encourage automatics, electricians, plumbers, and carpenters to accept employment with the Department of Education as vocational education teachers/instructors on a non-full-time basis by offering health insurance coverage under the Government's health insurance policy.
Amendment No. 30-015	To mandate a time certain when the Stamp Tax is transferred to the Moderate-Income Subsidy Fund.

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Senator Alicia Hansen



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Senator Alicia Hansen, was born to Martin Pickering and Medora Paulis Williams. She graduated from the Jose C. Barbosa High School and attended the Inter-American University (both in Puerto Rico). Senator Hansen went on to attend the Virgin Islands Police Academy and the University of the Virgin Islands where she received training in criminal law and paralegal studies.

Prior to her first elected term to the 17th Legislature in 1986, Senator Hansen worked as a legal researcher and translator for the Attorney General's Office, and Counselor at the Department of Human Services. She was proprietor of the Strong Foundation Institute for Learning, an early childhood educational program, and was a High School Spanish teacher at the Limetree Academy on St. Croix. She was also the proprietor of Chucky's Boutique. In the 18th & 19th Legislatures, Senator Hansen was Secretary of Inter- Governmental Relations and Territorial Affairs. During her term in the 20th Legislature, she served on the Education, Health and Housing, Parks & Recreation Committees. In the 21st Legislature, Senator Hansen chaired the powerful Finance Committee. She also served as Vice Chair of the Committee on Housing, Parks & Recreation and was a member of the Committees on Rules, Economic Development, Agriculture & Consumer Protection and Planning & Environmental protection. In the 22nd Legislature, Senator Hansen served as Chair of the Committee on Labor & Veterans Affairs and was a member on the Economic Development, Agriculture and Consumer Protection and Planning and Environmental Protection Committees.

In 1998, in her seventh election, Senator Hansen garnered the highest number of votes for the fifth time. Her success has distinguished her as one of the most popular politicians historically in the district of St. Croix and perhaps the entire Virgin Islands. Senator Hansen holds the record on the highest number of votes any senator

has ever received in the district of St. Croix thus far. She chaired the powerful Finance Committee twice, once in the 21st Legislature and again in the 24th Legislature. She delivered four fiscal year budgets on time, with new revenue generating measures and without further taxing the people of the Virgin Islands. At the conclusion of her eighth term in office, Chucky Hansen retired for eight years; but after serious consideration, she decided to respond to the call of the people and returned to the political scene. Upon her return, the electorate showered her with overwhelming support, and she impressively sailed into the 29th and 30th Legislature and her 9th and 10th terms in the Senate.

In the 29th Legislature, Senator Hansen chaired one of the most powerful legislative committees, the Committee on Government Operations & Veterans Affairs. She used the power of the Chair to rock the boat on WAPA by holding multiple hearings which revealed various forms of alternative, lower cost energy. She also initiated legislative measures that would bring relief to the Virgin Islands now and in the future.

During the 29th Legislature, Senator Hansen was also the Vice Chair of the Housing & Labor Committee and served as Liaison to the White House for the third time. Additionally, she served on the Rules & Judiciary; Human Services, Sports & Recreation; and Economic Development & Agriculture Committees. Senator Hansen is married to Mr. Esdel Emanuel Hansen, Sr., and they are the parents of four children: Esdel Jr., Erskin, Ericksen and Elizabeth Hansen-Watley. In November 2012, for the sixth time, Chucky Hansen was re-elected as the #1 vote getter in St. Croix. When she completes this term, Chucky Hansen will have served the people of the Virgin Islands for 20 successful years.

Senator Alicia Hansen

Most Significant Legislations

Bills, Amendments, Resolutions, & Acts

Brief Description

BR No. 14-1264, Bill No. 30-0340	An Act honoring and commending the Honorable Judge Raymond L. Finch (Ret.) for his service and dedication to the people of the Virgin Islands and naming the Supreme Court building on St. Croix, in his honor.
BR No. 14-1240, Amendment No. 30-780, Bill No. 30-0316, Act No. 7598	An Act to amend Act No 7569 as it relates to Captive Insurance.
BR No. 14-1221, Bill No. 30-0315	Remove all powers and authority from any semi-autonomous agencies and or Authority of the Government of the Virgin Islands and it's central government, its boards and commissions from entering into any agreement that will monopolize any industry and or service provided by the government of the Virgin Islands without the prior mandatory approval of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands.
BR No. 13-1149, Bill No. 30-0312	\$4 million for JFL Hospital - 100% Interest from the HOVENSA Civil Penalties should go to the Human Services Department to use for senior citizen buses on St. Croix and other purposes for seniors. \$800,000 to the Department of Health on St. Croix for the dental program.
BR No. 14-1205, Bill No. 30-0314	To prohibit all Central Government, the local courts, Roy Lester Schneider and Juan F. Luis Hospitals, VI Port Authority, WICO, Waste Management Authority and all other semi autonomous entities and EDC companies from spending any further with Seaborne Airlines while any part of their operations removed/transferred out of the Virgin Islands to Puerto Rico and or any other destination.
BR No. 13-0868, Bill No. 30-0310	Title 3, chapter 27, section 704 (e)- To exempt veterans from paying into the Retirement System for their credited military service. Section 704 (e) add after "not to exceed 3 years" the language "and shall not be required to pay any contribution into the retirement system to cover the earned the earned credited service."
BR No. 13-0856, Bill No. 30-0309	Crucian/Puerto Rican Breakfast Tramp be granted as administrative leave for non-essential employees of Government in recognition of the late Senator George "Bagoon" O'Reilly. Date designation by Organization. PREV #12-1291.
BR No. 13-0846, Bill No. 30-0308	To direct WAPA to create its own low income assistance program. PREV #11-0769.
BR No. 13-0827, Bill No. 30-0307	Anti Litter and Beautification Funds is prohibited for garbage pickup by V.I. students. However, funds from this source is authorized for summer jobs that develop academic, sports, arts, music and technical training.
BR No. 13-0664, Bill No. 30-0306	Luxury tax of 5% to be paid by purchaser on the sales of all Real Estate of \$1,000.00 and over, on jewellery \$5,000 and over and on vehicles \$50,000 and over.
BR No. 13-1041, Amendment No. 30-612, Bill No. 30-0299	An Act authorizing the Government of the Virgin Islands and the Department of Public Works to apply for no-more-than \$75,000,000 in Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles pursuant to the requirements of 23 USC section 122.
BR No. 13-0539, Amendment No. 30-291, Bill No. 30-0272, Act No. 7565	An Act to change the date of primary election to be in compliance with the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act and for other related purposes.
BR No. 13-1072, Amendment No. 30-659, Bill No. 30-0271	An Act amending the gross receipt tax from 5% to 4.5%.
BR No. 13-0860, Bill No. 30-0265	An Act amending title 24, chapter 17, as it relates to punitive and compensatory damages in discrimination in employment cases.
BR No. 13-0794, Bill No. 30-0264	An Act amending title 27, chapter 9, as it relates to tax clearance requirements for the issuance and renewal of business licenses.

BR No. 13-0645, Bill No. 30-0260	An Act amending title 32, chapter 11 of the Virgin Islands Code as it relates to the terms of appointments of the members of the Racing Commissions.
BR No. 13-1083, Bill No. 30-0249, Resolution No. 1802	A Resolution to make recommendations to the Governor as to measures that will assist in the renegotiation of the HOVENSA agreement.
BR No. 13-0150, Bill No. 30-0203	An Act to recognize, honor and commend President Barack H. Obama, name the Christiansted Bypass in his honor, and designate the first Monday of the month of November each year as a special day of recognition.
BR No. 13-0851, Bill No. 30-0178, Act No. 7511	An Act rezoning Plot No. 303, Clifton Hill, King Quarter St. Croix from R-2 (Residential-Low Density-One and Two-Family) to B-3 (Business-Scattered).
BR No. 13-0219, Bill No. 30-0125	An Act requiring the Director of the Internal Revenue Bureau to offset the gross receipts and excise tax liability of any person or business operating in the Virgin Islands against any amount of money that the Government of the Virgin Islands owes to that person or business, and also requiring that Lieutenant Governor to offset a property owner's property tax liability against any amount of money that the Government of the Virgin Islands owes to that property owner.
BR No. 13-0141, Amendment No. 30-097, Bill No. 30-0123, Act No. 7525	An Act amending 12A VIC as it relates to Consumer and Business Protection in the V.I.
BR No. 13-0152, Bill No. 30-0033	An Act to authorize the Virgin Islands Water & Power Authority to grant abatements to businesses on the Island of St. Croix who were or are being affected by the underground cable projects being undertaken by WAPA.
BR No. 14-1479	Contingent lease guarantee amendment to the Hotel Development Act.
BR No. 14-1472	Housing Code of the Virgin Islands - Sell each home at Estate Williams Delight on St. Croix for no more than \$25,000 each with a \$5,000 minimum 1 each head of household who lived in the house for 25 years or more, all rent paid should be converted as full payment towards the sale of the unit and if they had already paid \$25,000 or more in rent, then a flat rate of \$5,000 shall apply. The Virgin Islands Government shall within 45 days of enactment provide a Deed of Sale to the new homeowner.
Amendment No. 30-1020	The new location for St. Croix Central High School to be by Sion Farm/ Sion Hill Government Property.

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Senator Myron D. Jackson



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Senator Myron D. Jackson The son of Mrs. Bernice Peterson Jackson, retired Community Health Nurse, and the late Hugo D. Jackson, Businessman and Community Activist, Senator Myron D. Jackson was raised in Hospital Ground, in the historic “Upstreet” Neighborhood of St Thomas. His 32 years of public service personify the African proverb “Go back and fetch it,” and the saying has been his guiding principle in his life long before he formally knew of it. As a young teen, for example, he made a name for himself when he and fellow students mounted a public campaign to preserve the architectural integrity of the historic blue bit stone sidewalks in the Charlotte Amalie Historic District in opposition to the Virgin Islands Government plans to cement them. A graduate of CAHS High School in 1975 and the Parsons School of Design in New York, Jackson became a preservation activist early in life and has remained active in cultural, civic and preservation organizations and in government, dedicating his life’s work to the protection of the cultural resources and heritage of the Territory. Following his graduation from Parsons, Jackson returned to the VI and joined the Department of Conservation and Cultural Affairs and was recruited to the Planning Office which later became the Department of Planning and Natural Resources. He has served in a variety of capacities including Graphic Artist, Senior Planner, Cultural Advisor to Governor Alexander A. Farrelly, Director of the Virgin Islands State Historic Preservation Office and the Executive Director of the Virgin Islands Cultural Heritage Institute.

In addition to his professional service, Jackson is a member of various civic cultural organizations, including the following: President, We From Upstreet, Inc.; President, Virgin Islands Genealogical Society; Caribbean Genealogical Library; The Traditional Indians and Jesters Carnival Troupes; St. Thomas Historic Trust, St. Croix Landmark Society; Save Magens Bay and The Save Long Bay Coalitions. Jackson has published in the area of cultural preservation and has produced and/or participated in TV and radio programs which celebrate VI history and culture. His human interest has led him to travel and conduct cultural research and investigations in the Caribbean, Africa, Europe, South America and Asia.

Senator Jackson’s involvement in politics has been in response to the enthusiastic encouragement by the public. He was elected Delegate to the VI Fifth Constitutional Convention and ran for the position of Senator for the 28th Legislature. Although he lost that election, he was strongly encouraged by the experience and ran again for a position in the 30th Legislature which he won with an overwhelming response from voters. Mr. Jackson has pledged to continue his work to preserve the history, culture and environment of the Virgin Islands as a senator and has included a strong commitment to transparency and accountability, and to the youth and elders of the Territory.

Senator Myron D. Jackson
Most Significant Legislations

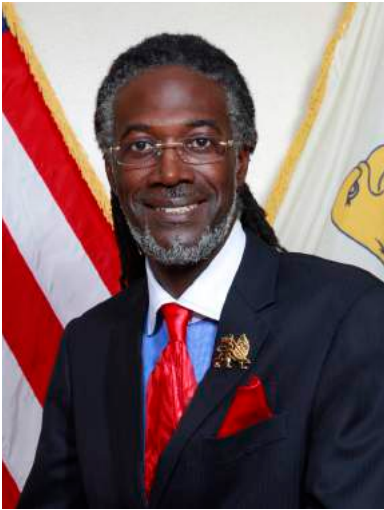
Bills, Amendments, Resolutions, & Acts

Brief Description

BR No. 13-0011	To establish science, technology, vocational, art, and college preparatory magnet programs at two public high schools. The program will function in collaboration with the University of the Virgin Islands and other related institutions.
BR No. 13-0013	To reduce the cost of prescription drugs, subsequently, improving healthcare, in the territory, through cost cutting initiatives. These measures include reducing the percentage collected from the excise tax and the percentage collected from custom duties.
BR No. 13-0012, Bill No. 30-0155, Act No. 7611	An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 2, sections 28b and 28d relating to the use of Enid M. Baa Library and Archives Building exclusively for archives, records management and supportive economic initiatives, amending 33 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 111, section 3059 relating to the use of the Virgin Islands Libraries and Museums Revolving Fund, and providing for other related matters.
BR No. 13-0015	To appropriate funding that will support the University of the Virgin Island's Green Technology Program. The fund will enable the University of the Virgin Islands to expand on educational initiatives, pertaining to renewable energy, in the territory.
BR No. 13-0022	To establish a National Cultural Policy for the territory, including the creation of a National Museum. This will facilitate the coordination of our institutions and economic development.
BR No. 13-0023	To convert the J. Antonio Jarvis School and associated buildings on Hospital Gade for the development of arts and vocational centers which would include educational outreach, training and community engagement in partnership with neighbourhoods and civic organizations.
BR No. 13-0024	To create a Department of Culture and Arts - This will comprise consolidating all related activities to include museums, archives, arts, humanities and any other related organizations to include Festival and Carnival entities.
BR No. 13-0027	To restore and convert public catchments in the St. Thomas - St. John district, for solar energy and for agricultural purposes.
BR No. 13-0287	To create a Department of Libraries, that will consist of libraries, archives, museums, historic preservation, culture and arts. This Department will consolidate all existing government divisions that handle an aspect of the aforementioned. No additional funding will be necessary to create the Department. The professional staff will be taken from existing divisions and used to ensure the functionality of the new agency.
BR No. 13-0672	To mandate that all hotels and large companies deposit all aluminium, card board, and plastic to the Government of the Virgin Islands. The Government will partner with a private organization (Coco Cola) to ship these items off island and collect a fee for the trash that is sold. In situations where the Government is incapable of covering the cost of shipping, the Government will allow the private company to subtract the cost of shipping from the cost that would be paid to the Government.
BR No. 13-0675	To establish a tour guide and sightseeing guide fee. The fee will cover licensure for a period of two years.

BR No. 13-0678	All moderate maintenance and repairs to government facilities should be performed by an indentified prison work force. Prisoners indentified in this work program shall be non-violent felons or have no more than six months remaining in the correctional system.
BR No. 13-0734, Amendment No. 30-445	To amend Bill No. 30-0152 by inserting the word websites after vehicles. The line should read as follows: To allow the Commissioner of Tourism to enter into advertising contracts that will facilitate the use of government vehicles and websites as advertising vehicles for private advertisers.
Amendment No. 30-428	To amend the law to place properties that are beneficial to the territory into a land bank for preservation, housing, recreation and revenue producing functions. An assessment of the possible uses shall be done prior to the properties being placed on the auction list. These properties will be selected by various agencies and will be submitted to the legislature for approval prior to transfer to the receiving entities.
BR No. 13-0784	To transfer the property next to the Charlotte Amalie High School to the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands. The property will be used for a pan yard for the Rising Stars Steel Orchestra. The property is located at the bottom of Polyberg and is currently owned by the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation.
Amendment No. 30-766	The appropriation of \$150,000 is designated to the Department of Education and the Division of Cultural Education. Of this appropriation, no less than \$120,000 shall be designated for cultural and historic activities in the schools throughout the territory.
BR No. 14-1261	To give Tax Exemption status for Fortsberg, site of memory for the 1733 Slave Insurrection. The fort has served as a symbol of Freedom and maintained by the Samuel Family. Over the decades this site annually has been opened to the general public. The property tax exemption will assist as deferment for the protection of this World Heritage Site.
BR No. 14-1294	To develop a national sports policy for the United States Virgin Islands which will provide a framework for sports as a significant contributor for economic growth and development for the US Virgin Islands; and to ensure that professional sports are strategically promoted and supported.
BR No. 13-0018, Bill No. 30-0022	An Act providing for a feasibility study for establishing a plant for processing local fruits and other agricultural products.
BR No. 13-0014, Bill No. 30-0059	An Act to conduct a feasibility study to establish a festival and cultural park for the Island of St. Thomas.
BR No. 13-0424, Bill No. 30-0140, Resolution No. 1798	A Resolution to declare an energy crisis in the Territory and to provide relief to the residents of the Virgin Islands.
BR No. 13-0680, Bill No. 30-0152	To allow the Commissioner of Tourism to enter into advertising contracts that will facilitate the use of government vehicles as advertising vehicles for private advertisers.
BR No. 13-0563, Bill No. 30-0291, Resolution No. 1804	A Resolution honoring and commending Mrs. Ursula Nathalia Magdalane Millin "Aunt Sula" Krigger for her contributions to the Virgin Islands.
BR No. 13-1093, Bill No. 30-0321	An Act providing for the erection of a full length statue of Virgin Islands hero, world boxing champion, the late Emile Griffith in his boxing gloves and fighter's stance at the Emile Griffith Ballpark on St. Thomas and for other purposes.
BR No. 13-0029, Bill No. 30-0023, Act No. 7588	An Act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 83, section 121 to require an assessment of the cadastral and land records housed in the Lieutenant Governor's Office Recorder of Deeds.

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Senator Terrence A. Nelson



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Senator Terrence A. Nelson, makes no excuses, nor is he shy about making it known that he puts God first in all his endeavors. He quickly declares to the world that righteousness is his choice, as is expressed in his registered trademark, "Positive Is How I Live." My hope, he states, is that my input in the process enhances the quality of life and standard of living for all Virgin Islanders. I am committed to being an agent of "Positive Change," he exclaimed.

Senator Nelson is married for over 19 years to Kimberly Roper Nelson, and together they have four children: Terrence Jr., Tafari, Tywreh, and Keturah. He prides himself on being a public school graduate, St. Croix Central High class of 1985. He is a member of and past president of the prestigious Henry Toll Fellowship class of 2007 and also holds leadership certificates from the Eastern Leadership Academy, and John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting, A certificate in Negotiations, and also an Alternate Dispute Resolution Training Certificate.

Since returning home, to St. Croix, in 1995, Senator Nelson has been and still continues to be proactive in the

Territory. His scope is broad. He created and maintains a youth organization, Positive Works, Inc., represented AFT as a shop steward, founded an independent labor union, "Our Virgin Islands Labor Union," the first in over 60 (sixty) years in America, created and instructs a martial arts school, King Cobra Tae Kwon Do, and hosts numerous social and cultural events, annually. The senator has also been farming over the past two (2) years.

Senator Nelson feels that in order to transform our territory and our government we absolutely must reconstruct government's operations and organizations with a focus on transparent, honest, efficient and responsive representation, delivery of improved public services, required and enhanced infrastructure, economic growth and human development.

"Virgin Islands citizens and residents must be able to rely on government, good government. Public trust continues to wane. The Glory belongs to God Almighty says Sen. Nelson as he is still truly humbled, honored, and thankful for the privilege to serve the people of the Virgin Islands in the 30th Legislature.

Senator Terrence A. Nelson

Most Significant Legislations

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BR No. 13-0042, Amendment No. 30-030, Bill No. 30-0007, Act No. 7488	Amending Title 20, chapter 38 - This legislation makes rental automobile insurance secondary to any valid automobile liability insurance held by the renter/driver. PREV Bill 29-0351.
BR No. 13-0041, Amendment No. 30-029, Bill 30-0011, Act No. 7489	An Act amending 17 V.I.C., chapter 5, relating to education and establishing a dual credit program between the University of the Virgin Islands and the Department of Education for public and state supported high school students in the Virgin Islands.
BR No. 13-0039, Amendment No. 30-027, Bill No. 30-0017, Act No. 7562	An Act amending 33 V.I.C., chapter 111, to establish the "Single Payer Utility Fund" and the parameters for its use.
BR No. 13-0484, Amendment No. 30-257, Bill No. 30-0068, Act No. 7475	An Act granting a zoning variance for Plot No. 51 of Parcel No. 15 VI Corp Land, Prince Quarter, St. Croix Virgin Islands to allow for the operation of a tutoring center.
BR No. 13-0486, Amendment No. 30-259, Bill No. 30-0069, Act No. 7476	An Act granting Plot No. 211 Estate Golden Rock, Company Quarter, St. Croix a use variance from the R-3 zoning designation.
BR No. 13-0943, Amendment No. 30-541, Bill No. 30-0179, Act No. 7502	An Act rezoning Parcel No. 498-G Estate Strawberry Hill, Queen Quarter, St. Croix from R-2 (Residential-Low Density-One and Two-Family) to B-3 (Business- Scattered).
BR No. 13-0946, Amendment No. 30-544, Bill No. 30-0181, Act No. 7504	An Act granting Plot No. 205 Barren Spot, King Quarter, St. Croix a use variance from the R-2 (Residential – Low Density – One and Two Family) zoning designation.
BR No. 13-0035, Amendment No. 30-023, Bill No. 30-0117, Act No. 7564	An Act amending title 5, subtitle 3, part I, chapter 305, subchapter I, section 3561 of the Virgin Islands Code by conferring peace officer status on probation officers of the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands.
BR No. 13-0412, Amendment No. 30-210, Bill No. 30-0128, Act No. 7526	An Act to authorize the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation to develop a comprehensive master plan for the development of the publicly owned lands at, Altona Lagoon, St. Croix as a public park and recreational area.
BR No. 13-0038, Amendment No. 30-026, Bill No. 30-0156, Resolution No. 1799	A Resolution to recognize, honor and commend James Alexander Johnson for his many years of dedicated service and contributions to the Virgin Islands community.
BR No. 13-0403, Amendment No. 30-202, Bill No. 30-0159, Act No. 7529	A Resolution to allow a Referendum vote on the issue of increasing the term of office of local Senators from two years to three years.
BR No. 13-0159, Bill No. 30-0204, Act No. 7593	An Act amending title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, subchapter VI relating to Pharmacists' authority to administer vaccines and appropriate tests.
BR No. 13-0417, Amendment No. 30-215	To create a compensation commission to determine salaries for Governors, Lieutenant Governors, Judges and Senators in the territory of the Virgin Islands. PREV BR #11-0176.
BR No. 13-0788, Amendment No. 30-477, Bill No. 30-0193, Act No. 7571	An Act amending title 5 Virgin Islands Code, Subtitle 1, Part IV, Chapter 43, §478 as it relates to exemption of homesteads from judgment.
BR No. 13-0418, Amendment No. 30-216, Bill No. 30-0160	An Act amending title 12A, chapter 2, subchapter V, sections 181 and 182 of the Virgin Islands Code by requiring that car dealers appropriately adjust vehicle headlights so that they are aimed to the left, away from oncoming traffic.
BR No. 13-0621, Amendment No. 30-347, Bill No. 30-0166	An Act implementing austerity measures for the Government of the Virgin Islands.
BR No. 13-0037, Amendment No. 30-025, Bill No. 30-0018	An Act to reduce the penalties for the possession of small amounts of marijuana to fines rather than imprisonment, and to exclude possession, distribution and manufacturing of marijuana from the class of crimes under which license revocation is mandatory upon conviction.
BR No. 13-0748, Amendment No. 30-446, Bill No. 30-0176	An Act amending title 18, chapter 1 of the Virgin Islands Code by vesting the right and option for government employees to take a voluntary leave of absence from their employment when seeking political office.

BR No. 13-0040, Amendment No. 30-028	Prev Bill #29-0297 - To increase the jurisdiction of the magistrates to hear misdemeanors.
BR No. 13-0043, Amendment No. 30-031	Prev BR#11-0154 / Amend #29-074 - An Act to allow for Industrial Hemp in the Virgin Islands.
BR No. 14-1419, Amendment No. 30-979	An Act to allow a Referendum vote on the topic of legalizing Marijuana for Medical purposes.
BR No. 13-0864	Resolution to petition Congress to authorize the U.S. Virgin Islands through Federal Legislation to implement a departure tax upon every passenger travelling to the British Virgin Islands from The U.S. Virgin Islands.
BR No. 14-1438, Amendment No. 30-999	Request to pursue a debt restructuring of matching fund bonds, gross receipts bonds, and economic stimulus through a \$4 billion bond/loan from Morgan Stanley.
BR No. 13-0590, Amendment No. 30-328	To amend the law regarding restraining orders. A person may obtain a restraining order of anyone who they deem threatening. Currently the law only allows an individual to obtain a restraining order of a person they have had a domestic relationship or been intimate.
BR No. 13-0557, Amendment No. 30-302	Virgin Islands Protection From Stalking Act. PREV BR #11-1261 / 29-888.

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Senator Clarence Payne III



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Senator Clarence Payne, a freshman Democratic Senator, is the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Health, Hospitals, Human Services, and Veterans' Affairs. It is a position that suits him well, as his entire career has been focused on community service and working with people in need of assistance. Prior to his election to the 30th Legislature, Senator Payne served as the District Manager of the Juvenile Unit at the Department of Human Services, where he was directly involved in addressing the needs of at-risk youth in our community.

Before returning home to join the Department of Human Services, Senator Payne gained extensive experience on the U.S. mainland where he co-founded a private firm, Sentencing Options LLC, and later worked with the National Counseling Group at Virginia Beach VA, and with Norfolk State University as an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Social Work.

Senator Payne's is a native of St, Thomas, where he attended the Abraham Lincoln Elementary School (later named after J. Antonio Jarvis) and graduated from the Ivanna Eudora Kean High School. After graduating from High School, he moved to Virginia where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology/Criminal Justice and a Masters Degree in Clinical Social Work. He is certified

in Crisis Intervention, Interpersonal Development, and Conflict Resolution in the work place.

Senator Clarence Payne is an active member of The National Association of Social Workers, and was an active figure in the Central Labor Council and United Steel Workers. He is a Rotarian and member of the Environmental Association of St. Thomas and St. John (E.A.S.T).

He is also a member on the Council of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment, a Board member of the Bovoni Homeowners Association and an active member of We From Upstreet. Senator Clarence Payne has a long history as an environmental activist, his efforts, along with those of several other environmentalists, helped to save Lindberg Bay from destruction. Senator Payne is also an active participant in preserving and developing Virgin Islands culture. He loves music, is a musician in his own right, and every carnival you can look for him in the Traditional Indians as one of the drummers providing the rhythmic heartbeat of the troupe. He is conscious of the Christ and is also a member of the Lutheran Men's Ministry. Clarence is the proud son of Deanna Rogers and Clarence Payne Jr.

Senator Clarence Payne III
Most Significant Legislations

Bills, Amendments, Resolutions, & Acts

Brief Description

BR No. 13-0296, Amendment No. 30-154, Bill No. 30-0042, Act No. 7492	An Act to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, title 14, chapter 11, section 252 of the Virgin Islands Code defining arson in the first degree.
BR No. 14-1254, Bill No. 30-0337, Governor's No. G30-0027	Proposed Legislation to Further Economic Growth and Development - To authorize the establishment of a public corporation to receive and hold the assets of Lonesome Dove Petroleum Company, Inc., as a subsidiary of the Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority, to provide for any income from the corporation, and for other purposes.
BR No. 13-0465, Amendment No. 30-246, Bill No. 30-0349	An Act enacting the Virgin Islands Healthy Workplace Act of 2014.
BR No. 14-1252, Bill No. 30-0336, Governor's No. G30-0026, Act No. 7599	An Act providing technical amendments that impart an accurate description of the scope of work and activities, funded from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund and administered by the Department of Tourism, and conducted by the Office of the Governor, Bureau of Economic Research; increasing the funding from the Health Revolving Fund to the Department of Health; providing for the publication of delinquent taxpayers, adjusting and reprogramming funds in Acts 7453 and 7535; amending organization and project codes in Act No. 7535; providing for the general repair of roads from the motor vehicle rental surcharge, provide for adjustments to appropriate and repeal the requirement of 24-month budget.
BR No. 13-1033, Amendment No. 30-606, Bill No. 30-0330	An Act amending title 21 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 2, section 103, subsection (v) to authorize the Housing Finance Authority to issue agricultural leases for up to 25 years.
BR No. 13-0473, Bill No. 30-0325	An Act to Honor and Commend Elroy George, posthumously for his military service and work on behalf of veterans and to erect a bust in his honor at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Veterans Memorial Park.
BR No. 13-0546, Bill No. 30-0304, Resolution No. 1809	A Resolution petitioning the United States House of Representatives to support and enact H.R. 91, which would extend Supplemental Security Income benefits to the Virgin Islands.
BR No. 13-1118, Bill No. 30-0277, Act No. 7574	An Act providing for supplemental measures in support of the Fiscal Year 2014 operating budget for the Government of the Virgin Islands and adopting the Omnibus Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2014 and for other purposes related to the public health, safety and welfare.
BR No. 13-0178, Bill No. 30-0280, Act No. 7581	An Act amending Title 14 Virgin Islands Code, adding chapter 123 to enhance the penalty for any existing crime of violence, when the crime is motivated by the victim's race, color, religion, national origin, sex, ancestry, age, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.
BR No. 13-0422, Amendment No. 30-220, Bill No. 30-0051	An Act clarifying the requirement that all government agencies are required to have a person answer all calls during business hours.
BR No. 14-1476, Amendment No. 30-1051	To aid persons re-integration into society by limiting the use of criminal records in public or private employment and for licensing eligibility.
BR No. 14-1461, Amendment No. 30-1031	To require that in all contracts that the Government of the Virgin Islands enters into which involves the provision of more than \$250,000 of goods and/or services, an amount of 1% shall be set aside and allocated to the V.I. Inspector General's Office to cover the costs of monitoring and auditing government contracts and the performance thereof.
BR No. 14-1443, Amendment No. 30-1003	Title 33, Section 42 Virgin Islands Code - To add prescription medications to the list of items that are exempted from excise taxes in the Virgin Islands.

Amendment No. 30-989	To appropriate \$100,000 to the Department of Human Services for the purpose of providing a grant to the Sea View Nursing Home.
Amendment No. 30-986	Bill No. 30-0336 - Enrique Nieves - To appropriate \$300,000 to Post 102 for the purpose of erecting and getting a permanent home for services to veterans. The fund are from the St. Croix Track and Field, reduce \$300,000 from the \$1.8 million set aside.
BR No. 14-1422, Amendment No. 30-982	To honor centenarians who are residents of the Virgin Islands by providing all such residents with a plaque and a monetary gift, similar to the practice in the British Virgin Islands.
BR No. 14-1322, Amendment No. 30-887	To update Title 22 and establish definition and regulation of health insurance.
Amendment No. 30-884	Bill No. 30-0204 - To require, rather than merely authorize, the Board of Pharmacy to adopt and promulgate rules.
BR No. 14-1295, Amendment No. 30-859	Amend the VIC to rename the Morris F. DeCastro Clinic, in Cruz Bay, St. John, to "The Cleone Henrietta Creque Health Facility".
BR No. 13-1189, Amendment No. 30-795	Title 12, Chapter 23, Virgin Islands Code - To allow residential customers to transfer credits and debits between electrical accounts, provided that the accounts are under the same name and address, to better realize the legislative intent of Virgin Islands law controlling net metering, as established by Act No. 7075.
BR No. 13-1188	To honor and commend the late Leslie A. Millin and to name the GERS/Personnel Building after him.
Amendment No. 30-794	Title 17, Chapter 15, Virgin Islands Code - To establish the Nelson Mandela Scholarship to be awarded to a student pursuing a degree in the Social Sciences.
BR No. 13-1110, Amendment No. 30-726	Title 22 - To enact the Virgin Islands Health and Wellness Act of 2014. To create a new chapter 64 of title 22, initial provisions of which are included in a separate document.
BR No. 13-1155, Amendment No. 30-776	To require the Department of Human Services to establish priority in eligibility and acceptance to the ECAP program, for households which demonstrate both financial need and medical necessity, and to forbid WAPA from disconnecting electrical service in instances where the household needs power to operate a medical device necessary for the continued survival of an occupant. The Water and Power Authority and the Department of Human Services shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations governing eligibility for and administration of these initiatives. To require the Department of Human Services to establish priority in eligibility and acceptance to the ECAP program, for households which demonstrate both financial need and medical necessity, and to forbid WAPA from disconnecting electrical service in instances where the household needs power to operate a medical device necessary for the continued survival of an occupant. The Water and Power Authority and the Department of Human Services shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations governing eligibility for and administration of these initiatives.
BR No. 14-1362	To petition the United States Congress to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act by including the Virgin Islands and other territories in all of its provisions and mandates, and by increasing the level of federal monies provided for premium subsidies to a level on par with the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

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Senator Nereida Rivera-O'Reilly was born and raised on the island of St. Croix. She is a graduate of the St. Croix Central High School, holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management and Finance, and is a certified professional in Human Resources. Prior to becoming a senator she worked as a paralegal for over fifteen years is a Henry Toll Fellow Alumni class of 2009, graduate of the John F. Kennedy School of Government Leadership Program at Harvard University, Commissioner on the board of the Education Commission of the States, member of the National Conference of State Legislators Women's Legislative Network, the Board of Hispanic Caucus Chairs, and the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials. A staunch advocate for excellence in education, she is a proponent of Charter Schools and gender based education. Moved by the systemic problems plaguing our public education system, she ran for the 15th Virgin Islands Board of Education in 2004.

During her term on the Board of Education, she successfully lobbied members to consider Single Sex Education as an option to narrow the achievement gap between boys and girls. She has been a fierce advocate for Hispanic Virgin Islanders, serving as President of Hispanos Unidos of the Virgin Islands for two consecutive terms. During her first term as President of Hispanos Unidos she was instrumental in obtaining a grant from the Virgin Islands Resource Center for the disabled. With this grant, Hispanos Unidos was able to open the doors to the first Hispanic Community Technology Center, providing after school programs for students, as well as "English as a Second Language," and computer courses for adults.

Senator Nereida Rivera-O'Reilly developed and nurtured partnerships with other nonprofit organizations, to secure support and funding for ongoing activities at the technology center. She spearheaded numerous events for the cultural and educational enhancement of Hispanics in the Virgin Islands and established an important partnership with the St. Croix Avis resulting in the Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Supplement. Senator Nereida Rivera-O'Reilly enjoys writing and has published numerous Spanish and English articles in the St.

Croix Shopper and local newspapers. She created the Spanish Newsletter "Dame un Break," using it as a tool to inform and educate the Hispanic community. In 2012 she coauthored "The Health of Black Americans: Comparisons between the US Virgin Islands and the US 50 States," to be published in the May/June 2013 issue of Public Health Reports. Holding steadfast to her belief in giving back to her community, she has dedicated the last twenty years serving on a number of non-profit organizations. She is a former member of the V.I. Commission on the Status of Women, the V.I. Humanities Council Board, and the St. Croix Environmental Association. She served as President of the Estate Profit Action Committee and Movimiento Latino en Accion. She was nominated by the Delegate to Congress, the Honorable Donna Christensen, for the "Young American Congressional Award". She served as a member of the Business and Professional Women Organization and was selected the winner of the "Young Careerist Speak Off" competition. Senator Nereida Rivera-O'Reilly was selected as "Elected Official of the Year 2012" by the National Association of Social Workers VI Chapter. She was awarded the "Citizen of the Year" award from the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Senator O'Reilly served in the 28th and 29th Legislatures, and now the 30th. During her most recent term she serves on the Committee on Public Safety, Homeland Security and Justice; Committee on Finance; Committee on Planning and Environmental Protection; and the Committee on Health and Hospitals. She uses this term to continue advocating for education reform and bringing to fruition her efforts to expand mammography services for women in her district.

Born in Estate Profit and raised in Estate Calquohun, Senator Nereida Rivera-O'Reilly is the daughter of Francisco Rivera Navarro and Diana Cruz-Rivera, and the eldest of 4 children. Her brothers Francisco Jr., Luis Daniel and Roberto (deceased) were her childhood friends. She is married to John, her husband of 25 years and they are the parents of two sons, Stephen and Brandon. Her favorite hobbies include baking, running and boxing.

Senator Nereida Revira-O'Reilly

Most Significant Legislations

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BR No. 13-0101, Amendment No. 30-080, Bill No. 30-0121	17 VIC section 1,5 - To provide for the establishment of Charter Schools, providing for the variety of public Charter schools allowed, authorities available, authorizer accountability system, authorizer funding and public accountability, transparent charter application, review and decision-making processes, etc. PREV BR#11-0291 / 29-140.
BR No. 13-0095, Amendment No. 30-074, Bill No. 30-0202, Act No. 7592	An Act amending title 22, chapter 65, section 1723 of the Virgin Islands Code is amended by requiring that health insurance providers provide coverage for the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders.
BR No. 13-0256, Amendment No. 30-072, Bill No. 30-0012, Act No. 7513	An Act amending title 27, chapter 9 of the Virgin Islands Code as it relates to the purchase or resale of scrap metal and establishing licensing requirements for scrap metal dealers and recyclers in the Virgin Islands.
BR No. 13-0458, Amendment No. 30-242, Bill No. 30-0129	An Act amending Title 33, Virgin Islands Code as it relates to Customs Duties.
BR No. 13-0531, Amendment No. 30-289, Bill No. 30-0257	An Act amending title 1, chapter 15 of the Virgin Islands Code by providing requirements for settled claims and settlement agreements for the Government of the Virgin Islands and providing that settled claims and agreements of the Government of the Virgin Islands are public records.
BR No. 13-0540, Amendment No. 30-292, Bill No. 30-0392	An Act to amend Title 16 subsection 109(a) of the Virgin Islands Code by adding a new subsection to provide for the equitable distribution of real and personal property upon divorce.
BR No. 13-0621, Amendment No. 30-347, Bill No. 30-0166	An Act implementing austerity measures for the Government of the Virgin Islands.
BR No. 13-1120, Amendment No. 30-735, Bill No. 30-0333	An Act amending title 32 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 21, article XIV as it relates to the Virgin Islands Internet Gaming and Internet Gambling Act.
BR No. 13-0671, Amendment No. 30-376	5 Virgin Islands Code -To add a new section to establish Sentence Reduction Credit upon the inmates' completion of rehabilitation, vocation, education, and other programs that may be offered. Participation in and completion of these programs will allow inmates to earn additional time off their prison sentences.
BR No. 13-0710, Amendment No. 30-410, Bill No. 30-0262	An Act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code enacting the "Virgin Islands False Claims Act."
Amendment No. 30-516	Bill No. 30-0128 by designating Section 2 as Section 3 and inserting a new section 2 to read follows: "SECTION 2 The Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation shall prepare a plan for the promotion and development of adventure tourism and other recreation and economic activities on St. Croix. Adventure tourism includes, but is not limited to equine and motorized trail riding, rock climbing kayaking, hang gliding and zip lining. The promotional and development plan must consider natural areas, best available scenic, existing recreational opportunities, safety and environmental concerns, community interest, and economic conditions including, but not limited to areas of persistent high unemployment. The plan must identify areas where adventure tourism and other recreational and economic activities could easily be developed, and identify for each area appropriate types of suitable activities. The Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation must collaborate with the Department of Planning and Natural Resources and the Department of Tourism and use existing resources to accomplish the task."
BR No. 13-0964, Amendment No. 30-551, Bill No. 30-0287	An Act amending Title 24, Virgin Islands Code as it relates to Plant Closings.
BR No. 13-1041, Amendment No. 30-612, Bill No. 30-0299	An Act authorizing the Government of the Virgin Islands and the Department of Public Works to apply for no-more-than \$75,000,000 in Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles pursuant to the requirements of 23 USC section 122.
BR No. 13-1175, Amendment No. 30-788, Bill No. 30-0313	28 V.I.C. Section 283 - To add the requirement that Plaintiff establish rental income for the premises has been reported to the VI BR as required by law.

BR No. 13-1126, Amendment No. 30-739, Bill No. 30-0283	An Act amending Title 19, chapter 37 to require the Department of Health, through the local registrar as designated pursuant to Title 19 § 803, to compile a report of all death certificates on a bi-annual basis to ensure that various exemptions applicable to deceased persons do not continue beyond their demise.
BR No. 14-1217, Amendment No. 30-810	24 V.I.C. - To add a new subsection 24 to require that any employer with a minimum of 10 employees shall provide an employee sponsored health insurance plan to all employees engaged in the performance of hazardous duties effective immediately. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in a penalty of \$500.00 per day per employee payable to the Virgin Islands Department of Labor. The commissioner of labor shall ensure compliance with this law.
BR No. 14-1355, Amendment No. 30-908, Bill No. 30-0382	An Act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 111, section 3087 to add an additional source for the monies to fund the St. Croix Capital Improvement Fund and to improve the efficiency of the fund's administration.
BR No. 14-1354, Amendment No. 30-907, Bill No. 30-0381	An Act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 111 pertaining to Government Funds.
BR No. 14-1356, Amendment No. 30-909	To authorize the creation of the Job Creation and Sustainability Fund. To authorize that 2% of all gross receipts collected in the territory be deposited in Job Creation and Sustainability Fund. The funds available in the Job Creation and Sustainability Fund shall be used to fund job creation in the private sector through direct subsidies the local businesses with ten employees or less who are not established as EDC beneficiaries.
Amendment No. 30-952	30-0337 - To create the GERS Restoration Fund and direct that proceeds in FY 2016 and future years go to the GERS Restoration Fund to be used solely to cover debt service on pension funds.
BR No. 14-1381, Amendment No. 30-950	33VIC, Chapter 3 - To add a marine terminal user tax of \$1.00 on all cruise passengers visiting the island of St. Croix. The funds derived shall be placed in the St. Croix Capital Improvement Fund and shall be utilized to improve the downtown districts on the island of St. Croix.
BR No. 14-1386, Amendment No. 30-955, Bill No. 30-0373	An Act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 3, section 43 (f) relating to exemptions on the payment of gross receipt taxes.
BR No. 14-1389, Amendment No. 30-958	To require that the first medical school contemplated for the territory must be located in the St. Croix campus.
BR No. 14-1423, Amendment No. 30-984	3 V.I.C. Chapter 27 - To add a new section establishing The Virgin Islands Honorable Service stipulating that the receipt of retirement benefits is expressly conditioned upon the rendering of honorable service by the member and a member may be subject to a reduction of forfeiture of earned service credit, salary, and/or benefits if suspension, dismissal, or termination of employment is due to misconduct; or if convicted of a crime that is in any way related to his or her employment.
BR No. 13-0137, Amendment No. 30-095, Bill No. 30-0122	An Act to establish an amnesty of penalties and interest on delinquent excise taxes through tax year 2012.

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Senator Tregenza A Roach is a proud graduate of the Charlotte Amalie High School. He attended the then College of the Virgin Islands for two years, before transferring to the University of Missouri-Columbia, where he earned a Bachelor of Journalism in 1981. Roach subsequently enrolled at the University of Connecticut School of Law, where he obtained his juris doctorate in 1989. He has been a member of the Virgin Islands Bar since 1991.

Senator Tregenza A Roach has called St. Thomas home since 1968, having migrated here from his native St. Kitts with his parents, Victor and Iona Roach. He brings a wealth of experience in the areas of journalism, law, and education. Upon completion of his journalism degree, he returned to St. Thomas to work at the Daily News of the Virgin Islands. He spent five years with the company, serving as News Editor for the final three years of his employment. While attending law school, he gained valuable legal experience, clerking first in the Office of the Governor's Legal Counsel, then the Office of the United States Attorney, and finally at the Territorial Court of the Virgin Islands. After earning his law degree, he worked in the Territorial Court's Civil and Family Divisions and then in private practice as an Associate Attorney at Bornn Bornn Handy and Rashid.

Senator Tregenza A Roach, then began his public service with his employment at the Department of Education as Legal Counsel to the Commissioner, a position he held for more than eight years. During his tenure at the Department of Education, he worked closely with a total of six individuals who held the position of Commissioner or Acting Commissioner. Some highlights of his role as Legal Counsel include: functioned as primary legal advisor to the Commissioner of Education regarding the application of all local and federal statutes, provided counsel and guidance with regard to labor, contract and student matters, and coordinated the Department's negotiating team, developing bargaining positions and strategies in conjunction with the Office of Collective Bargaining.

Ending his tenure with the Department of Education, Attorney Roach was selected as Executive Director of the Virgin Islands Board of Education, a position which afford-

ed him the opportunity to provide managerial leadership for the Board, which is the chief policy maker for the Virgin Islands Department of Education. Upon leaving the Board in 2006, Roach was selected by the University of the Virgin Islands to lead a program of public education in support of the Virgin Islands Fifth Constitutional Convention. In award winning consultancy, Roach served as the Coordinator/Researcher for Constitution 2008, a public education with marketing, legal, historical, publications, and media components. The website created under his leadership was selected by the Library of Congress for inclusion in its materials for Election 2008. In connection with his role, Roach represented the University at United Nations Decolonization Seminars in St. Georges, Grenada (2007), and in Bandung, Indonesia (2008). Although the University project ended in 2008, the United Nations qualified Roach as an expert on the subject of constitutional development processes in the U.S. Territories and invited him on his own merits to a third Decolonization Seminar in Basseterre, St. Kitts in 2009.

Senator Tregenza A Roach is a poet and author and has published in the Liberia Seabreeze Journal, Calabash Journal of New York University, POUI, the journal of the University of the West Indies, Yellow Cedars Blooming: An Anthology of Virgin Islands Poetry, Seasoning for the Mortar and several volumes of The Caribbean Writer. He recently published his first book for children, The Lesson Box, which joins his other publications, The Blessing of Rain and Other Poems, and All This Is Love, A Collection of Virgin Islands Poetry, Art and Prose. He was awarded the Margaret Walker Fiction Prize by the Detroit Writers Guild in 1999 and was chosen by the St. Thomas/St. John Library Association for its Distinguished Caribbean Author Award in 2009.

Senator Tregenza A Roach's community service activities have included terms on the Board of Governors of the Virgin Islands Bar Association, Chairman of the Virgin Islands Humanities Council, member of the Board of Directors of the St. Thomas Historical Trust, Clear Blue Sky, and The Disability Rights Center, and member of the Founding Board of the South Atlantic Regional Humanities Center.

Senator Tregenza A. Roach
Most Significant Legislations

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Amendment No. 30-386	Title 17 Virgin Islands Code Section 190 - To amend Bill 30-0031 to establish the Virgin Islands Fund for Higher Education.
Amendment No. 30-915	Title 29 Virgin Islands Code Section 708 (m) - To draft an amendment to provide a fund source for the Virgin Islands Fund for Higher Education once it is established.
BR No. 14-1292, Amendment No. 30-855, Bill No. 30-0318, Act No. 7585	An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapters 27 and 28A as it relates to Refunds owed to retirees of the Government Employees Retirement System.
BR No. 14-1402, Bill No. 30-0385	An Act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, relating to taxation of alcoholic beverages by the drink.
BR No. 14-1414, Amendment No. 30-978	Title 23 Chapter 5 subsection 470 - To create a requirement that all weapons that are brought into the Territory are declared and registered.
BR No. 14-1240, Amendment No. 30-780, Bill No. 30-0316, Act No. 7598	An Act to amend Act No 7569 as it relates to Captive Insurance.
Amendment No. 30-753	Title 18 - An amendment to the current Board of Election System statute to preclude members being candidates.
Amendment No. 30-156	Title 17 Section 231 - An amendment to the current Early Childhood statute to include 3 year-old children.
Amendment No. 30-959	Title 17, Section 61 VIC - To further amend Title 17, Section 61 by providing that the school year shall consist of 190 school days. To further clarify amendment previously submitted.
Amendment No. 30-934	Title 17 V.I.C. Section 61 - To define "pupil instruction".
Amendment No. 30-304	Chapter 15 - The Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Prevention Act - An elder or dependant adult who is the subject of an abuse or neglect complaint or petition shall be provided counsel, to act in the role of guardian. Counsel shall be appointed at the time when the matter comes to the attention of the court.
BR No. 13-0721	To amend Title 7 Virgin Islands Code to add a new Chapter 14 entitled "Subsistence Agriculture" - The measure is intended to promote agriculture among those residents who are not landowners and who desire to produce agricultural products for their own consumption but are presently unable to do so because of economic limitations or the realities of their present living conditions.
BR No. 13-0303	Title 33 Virgin Islands Code - To draft a bill to establish tax incentives for the purchase of any item that is energy efficient.
BR No. 13-0670	To draft a bill to establish the early Childhood Advisory Council.
Amendment No. 30-375	Title 19 Virgin Islands Code Section 2044 - Amendment to remove the criminal penalties and impose a schedule of fines.
BR No. 13-0961	Title 17 Virgin Islands Code - To draft a bill to establish the curriculum for teaching culture in the Virgin Islands.
BR No. 13-1059	Title 12 Virgin Islands Code Chapter 23 Subchapter V - To draft a bill to create a waste oil initiative.
Amendment No. 30-885	Act 7257 (Bill No. 29-0038) - To amend Act 7257 to ensure that the Public Communications Centers are ADA compliant.
BR No. 14-1342	Title 19 - To regulate and tax the sale of electronic cigarettes in the Territory.

BR No. 14-1411	Title 33 V.I.C. Subtitle 1 - To collect a user fee on inter-island travel: To collect from passengers using any VI marine port an Individual Port User Fee at a rate of 10% of the ticket purchase price and 5% of any baggage fee charged by the carrier. This fee will apply to intra-island VI travel and inter-island Caribbean travel.
BR No. 14-1412	Title 9 - Banking: To create new regulations under which the "Cash for Gold" business will operate.
BR No. 13-0079, Amendment No. 30-057, Bill No. 30-0020, Act No. 7490	An Act amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 33, section 456 and adding chapter 17B relating to the granting of academic credit for and the assessment of prior learning at public institutions of higher education.
BR No. 13-0525, Amendment No. 30-236, Bill No. 30-0084, Act No. 7484	An Act to postpone implementation of the school calendar changes in the 2013-2014 school year.
BR No. 13-1145, Bill No. 30-0289, Act No. 7577	An Act amending Official Zoning Map No. SJZ-1 to change the zoning designation of Parcel No. 28 Estate Susannaberg, No. 17A Cruz Bay Quarter, St. John from R-1 (Residential Low Density) to B-4 (Business-Residential Areas), with a use variance for crops, fruits and vegetables and water distribution.
BR No. 13-0774, Amendment No. 30-458, Bill No. 30-0295, Act No. 7597	An Act amending title 7 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1 adding subchapter VI pertaining to SNAP Fresh Food Farmers Market Technology Improvement Program and amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 111 establishing the SNAP Fresh Food Farmers Market Technology Improvement Program Fund.

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Senator Sammuel Sanes, Vice President of the Legislature, was born in Brooklyn, New York and was raised on St. Croix where he graduated from St. Croix Central High School in 1982. During his school years, Sammuel Sanes was involved in several organizations including the Boy Scouts, Sea Explorers and JROTC. After high school, Senator Sanes joined the United States Navy, and after serving five years, he received an Honorable Discharge. Sanes then furthered his education and earned a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration from Florida Memorial University. Upon graduation, Sammuel Sanes obtained employment with Florida's Department of Children & Families. During this time, Sanes earned an Associates degree in Legal Studies from Keiser College and went on to become a State Certified Case Manager where he received many commendations and letters of Appreciation. In June 2009, Sanes received his Master's degree in Educational Counseling from the University of the Virgin Islands. Sanes worked for the Virgin Islands Behavioral Services as an Assistant Program Manager and at the Department of Labor as an Adult Coordinator.

Senator Sammuel Sanes is a member of various community oriented organizations such as: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; Hispanos Unidos; the Edward L. Browne Center; the Enrique Romero Nieves American Legion, Post 102; Women's Coalition of the Virgin Islands; VIPR Friendship Committee; Department of Health: Virgin Islands Prevention (VIP); State Incentive Grant (SIG) Program; volunteer for the Virgin Islands Cancer Society; conducted workshops for adolescents and education, conducted educational directives for the AZ Academy, works with the

Episcopal Church and the SOL project. Senator Sammuel Sanes is the recipient of several awards and honors which includes, but are not limited to: Award from Department of Health for his leadership on the Prevention Advisory Council and his dedication to the Virgin Islands Community; certificate of Appreciation in recognition of Valuable Contribution to the UVI Alumni Give Back Program Convocation; Citizen of the Year Award given by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; Department of Human Service Appreciation for Employment of People with Disabilities; It's About Giving our Children a Chance-VI Behavioral Services Award; voted most successful Legislator in the 28th and 29th Legislature of the Virgin Islands by Generation Now! Senator Sanes was re-elected for his third term to the 30th Legislature on November 6, 2012. He is Vice President and currently chairs the Committee on Public Safety, Homeland Security and Justice, he is Vice-Chair for the Committee on Rules and Judiciary, and he is a member of the following three Committees: Committee on Finance; Committee on Education, Youth and Culture; Committee on Health and Hospitals.

Family is most important to Sammuel Sanes. His parents are Maria E. Sanes and the late Carmelo Sanes. Senator Sanes is married to Mrs. Cinthia Sanes and has two daughters – Layalie and Jamaris.

Senator Samuel Sanes

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BR No. 13-0432, Bill No. 30-0141, Act No. 7528	An Act to authorize the Department of Planning and Natural Resources to establish a Used Oil Collection Certification Program.
BR No. 13-0440, Amendment No. 30-233	Title 33, Chapter 2, create new section (3)(b) - The purpose of this request is to create a sin tax in the territory and to create a sin tax fund. PREV BR #11-0460.
BR No. 13-0276	Amend Title 19, Chapter 18, Subsection 291 - Creating an Act that prohibits the trafficking of persons for the purpose of sexual or labor exploitation. PREV BR #12-1407.
BR No. 13-0159, Bill No. 30-0204, Act No. 7593	An Act amending title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, subchapter VI relating to Pharmacists' authority to administer vaccines and appropriate tests.
BR No. 13-0338, Bill No. 30-0104, Act No. 7521	Amend Title 2, chapter 2 - The purpose of this request is to establish a Revenue Estimating Conference. PREV Bill No. 29-017 and Amend 29-800.
BR No. 13-0191, Bill No. 30-0062, Act No. 7518	An Act amending title 14, chapter 113 of the Virgin Islands Code by prohibiting any person convicted of a violent felony from possessing body armor.
BR No. 13-0295, Amendment No. 30-153, Bill No. 30-0060, Act No. 7517	An Act to amend title 14, chapter 85, of the Virgin Islands Code by adding protection for spouses, men and women, who are the victims of actions that constitute rape or unlawful sexual contact in aggravated domestic violence instances.
BR No. 13-0288, Bill No. 30-0109, Act No. 7579	An Act amending title 14, chapter 24, section 503 of the Virgin Islands Code by adding definitions of sexual conduct and sexual contact and by amending title 14, chapter 85, section 1699 by adding a definition of sexual conduct and amending the definition of sexual contact.
BR No. 13-1000, Bill No. 30-0268, Act No. 7595	An Act amending title 27, chapter 9, subchapter I, section 305b of the Virgin Islands Code by prohibiting the sale of electronic cigarettes and alternative nicotine products to minors.
BR No. 13-0144, Bill No. 30-0319	An Act amending the Virgin Islands Code, title 14 to enact "The Virgin Islands Criminal Street Gang Prevention Act" and title 33, chapter 111 establishing the "Crime and Gang Prevention Fund".
BR No. 14-1279, Bill No. 30-0343	An Act amending Act No. 7081 to reprogram monies to repair the Estate Profit Recreation Center and the La Reine Fish Market.
BR No. 14-1274, Bill No. 30-0346	To require that any areas that the Police Department finds to be a "hotspot" for criminal activity be priority areas when installing and maintaining cameras and lighting.
BR No. 13-0225, Bill No. 30-0038, Act No. 7472	An Act to amend title 19, part III, chapter 29, subchapter I of the Virgin Islands Code by criminalizing the sale of synthetic cannabinoids or synthetic marijuana and bath salts.
BR No. 13-0316, Amendment No. 160, Bill No. 30-0046,	An Act to amend title 20, part II, chapter 33, section 461(a) of the Virgin Islands Code by requiring the Virgin Islands Bureau of Motor Vehicles to develop and implement a vehicle emissions control and car inspection program.
BR No. 14-1335	Title 27, Chapter 7, Section 261 - For the creation of a Fiber Optic Licensing Board within the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs and for other related matters.
BR No. 13-0198	The purpose of this request is to create a Licensing Board for professionals in the counselling business.
BR No. 13-0560	To amend Title 14 to create new chapter - Gunrunning, ad to amend Title 23 unlawful sale and delivery.
BR No. 13-0879	An Act to prohibit any patron from entering a casino, racino or simulcast facility with a firearm.

BR No. 13-0284, Bill No. 30-0188	An Act to amend title 17, chapter 15, of the Virgin Islands Code to create an annual scholarship for Virgin Islands students studying emergency management.
BR No. 13-0218, Bill No. 30-0037, Act No. 7510	An Act amending Virgin Islands Code title 3, chapter 23, section 415, title 24, chapter 11, section 251c, and title 27, chapter 1, subchapter X, relating the practice of chiropractic medicine.
BR No. 13-0349	The purpose of this request is to create jobs and revenue by waiving property taxes for two (2) years for any business that opens in an existing property that has been unused for 18 months prior to the opening of the business.
BR No. 13-0113	Title 27, Chapter 1, subchapter II, section 42; Title 19, Part I, chapter 13, section 217 - The purpose or intent of this request is to extend immunity in emergencies also known as the "Good Samaritan Law", to all persons who assist in emergencies.
BR No. 13-0516	To create an autoimmune disease registry in the Virgin Islands.
BR No. 13-0569, Amendment No. 30-147, Bill No. 30-0096, Act No. 7570	An Act to amend title 19, part II, chapter 18, section 291 of the Virgin Islands Code by including any federally qualified health center among the facilities permitted to provide minors with treatment for pregnancy, communicable disease, and drug or controlled substance abuse, emergency medical or surgical treatment, and family planning services.
BR No. 13-0280, Amendment No. 30-150, Bill No. 30-0110, Act No. 7522	An Act amending title 21, chapter 1, section 16(4) of the Virgin Islands Code by increasing the Virgin Islands Housing Authority's maximum home loan amount for veterans from \$110,000 to \$220,000.

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Sen. Janette Millin Young is a 1987 graduate of Sts. Peter and Paul High School on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Broadcast Journalism, with a minor in Sociology from Loyola University in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1991. Sen. Millin Young has exhibited high qualities of leadership since high school. Upon graduating from high school, she received her Class' Leadership Award and carried the qualities that earned her this distinction on to college.

At Loyola University in New Orleans, Sen. Millin Young represented her school, along with a handful of other students at a Youth Leadership Conference in Atlanta in 1991. As a junior in high school, she worked for then Sen. James A. O'Bryan, Jr. after school. The summer before her college senior year in 1990, Sen. Millin Young had the privilege of interning in the Office of the Governor under the Alexander A. Farrelly Administration. After graduating from college, she was recruited to work as a full-time employee in the Governor's Office of Public Relations for three years from 1991, rising to the position of Senior Public Information Officer.

In 1995, she had the pleasure of working for the Roy L. Schneider Administration as Senior Public Information Officer and rising to the position of Territorial Media Director for the Office of the Governor until December 1998. In January 1999, the senator signed on to work with the V.I. Daily News as Senior Editorial Writer. She later moved on to serve as Director of Corporate Affairs for Innovative Communication Corporation in 2000, and then as Innovative Telephone's Public Relations Manager in 2002.

Sen. Millin Young has been affiliated with numerous business, social and charitable organizations. In March 2002, Sen. Millin Young began publishing a local monthly magazine, V.I. Chronicles, which featured stories about people, politics, and events with a local flavor. She published 12 issues. She later moved on to three short stints of working in different capacities for a financial capital management firm, the V.I. Legislature, and the V.I. Department of Health before returning to Innovative in 2005. She resigned from ICC in June 2010 to launch her first senatorial campaign.

In 2010, Sen. Millin Young was elected to serve in the 29th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. She was tapped by her colleagues to serve as the Senate's Chairman of the Committee on Education, Youth and Culture. She also served as Vice Chair of the Committee on Human Services, Recreation and Sports, as well as she served as a member of the Committees on Finance, on Government Operations, Energy and Veterans Affairs, and on Economic Development, Technology and Agriculture.

Senator Millan Young now serves as the Legislature's Legislative Secretary. Senator Millin Young is the daughter of former Lt. Governor Henry A. Millin (deceased) and Graciela Millin. She is married to Chief Master Sergeant Cuteill Young of the V.I. Air National Guard. Together, they have one son, Joshua Cuteill Young.

Senator Janette Millin-Young
Most Significant Legislations

Bills, Amendments, Resolutions, & Acts

Brief Description

Amendment No. 30-010	Title 3 Virgin Islands Code, Section 27 Virgin Islands Commission on Youth Section 1003 (l) - Strike and replace Section 27 (b) (10): To plan, implement, administer and supervise an annual Territorial Summer Youth Conference, undertaken in such a manner as the Commission considers appropriate and pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated.
Amendment No. 30-012	Title 3, Chapter 7, Power and Duties, Department of Education, Section 96 Title 17, Chapter 3, Section 21, et. al, Board of Education - To reorganize the Virgin Islands Department of Education to provide for new duties of the Commissioner of Education (Chief Education Officer) and two separate and independent District Boards of Education (Local Education Agency).
BR No. 13-0669, Amendment No. 30-373	Bill to reduce the amount of time the Governor has to approve or disapprove Economic Development Commission applications for companies seeking EDC benefits from 60 days to a maximum of 30 days.
Amendment No. 30-711	To amend Bill #30-0194 To use Kings Alley Hotel as one of the facilities deem necessary for the operation of the Hospitality Training School pursuant to Title 17 Virgin Islands Code, Chapter 27, Section 333.
Amendment No. 30-759	Amendment in the nature of a substitute - To amend Bill #30-0072 - An Act creating the Virgin Islands Comprehensive Crime and Public Health Task Force.
BR No. 13-0424, Bill No. 30-0140, Resolution No. 1798	A Resolution to declare an energy crisis in the Territory and to provide relief to the residents of the Virgin Islands.
BR No. 13-0894, Amendment No. 30-512, Bill No. 30-0201, Act No. 7534	An Act naming the Julie Mango, the Virgin Islands Fruit of Choice.
BR No. 13-0935, Bill No. 30-0236, Resolution No. 1800	A Resolution honoring and commending posthumously the late Mr. Emile Griffith, for his formidable contributions to the Virgin Islands.
BR No. 13-1068, Amendment No. 30-008, Bill No. 30-0244	An Act amending Title 18 to require no party or independent candidates to participate in a primary election.
BR No. 13-0155, Amendment No. 30-011, Bill No. 30-0115	An Act amending title 30 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, subchapter I, section 23, to limit the amount of Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause (L.E.A.C.) that the Public Services Commission can authorize the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority to recover from its customers
BR No. 13-0460, Amendment No. 30-244, Bill No. 30-0072	An Act amending an act creating the Virgin Islands Comprehensive Crime and Public Health Task Force.
BR No. 13-0006	To adopt a Land and Water Use Plan for Water Island.
BR No. 13-0232	To express the sense of the Legislature and the people of the Virgin Islands in supporting and urging the passage of H.R. 79, to create the Medicaid Payment Fairness to the Territories Act of 2013.

BR No. 13-0281	To convert the Governor's residence Estate Catherineberg into a Museum. Catherineberg is extremely underutilized and we are spending too much money to maintain it and no one resides there. The most that currently takes place there are a few receptions and occasional meetings. We pay maids, ground keepers and security for the upkeep of the place. Catharine can be best utilized as a museum to collect admission for local residence and serve as a tourist attraction to generate more revenues into the territory. With thousands of tourist arriving daily just hundreds visiting at a moderate rate of charge would more than pay for itself and its employees. It would also add another attraction to the historic district as well as provide many jobs for the community while still paying for a more modern facility for the governor to reside in while in office.
Amendment No. 30-243	Bill #30-0004 - An Act amending title 12 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 23, adding Subchapter VII, establishing the "Feed-In Tariff Act".
BR No. 13-0889	To draft a mirror image of the federal jobs and tax relief act only as it applies to the Virgin Islands.
BR No. 13-0890	To establish a funding source that would provide incentives to encourage local consumers to buy local agriculture produce.
BR No. 13-0948	An Act making allotments to the public schools and adult education facilities from the Virgin Islands Education Initiative Fund available for two consecutive fiscal years, to increase monetary allotments to the various public schools and public adult education facilities, and to repeal the duplicate statute addressing the Virgin Islands Education Initiative Fund.
Amendment No. 30-568	Amendment to Bill #30-010 Title 3 VIC Code chapter 1 section 27.
Amendment No. 30-585	Amendment to Bill #30-0200 - New section to read, Section 3 would establish a fund with the name "HOVENSA OIL REFINERY LEGAL FUND" and all monies expended from this fund shall be reported to the Legislature's Committee on Finance every three (3) months.
BR No. 13-1060, Amendment No. 30-633	33 V.I.C. Section 530 - To add an exemption to provide that the operators of an oil storage facility located at the Hovensa Refinery and used solely for the storage of fuels, not be required to pay any import duties and other taxes on all oil storage contracts as long as the storage facility operators supply fuels to the Government of the Virgin Islands and the public.
Amendment No. 30-653	Bill No. 30-0201 is amended by striking the second WHEREAS clause on page 1, lines 3-5; in the last WHEREAS clause on page 1, line ten, after the word "Islands" by inserting "and also thrives on flat, clayey soils like those on the Island of St. Croix"; and by striking the first WHEREAS clause on page 2, lines 1-3.
Amendment No. 30-785	Act No. 7324 - Correction to Act No. 7324 Whereas Clause... By striking President of the 22nd and 25th Legislatures and adding President of the 22nd and 26th Legislatures.
BR No. 13-0009, Bill No. 30-0279, Act No. 7596	An Act amending title 27 Virgin Islands Code adding chapter 5A pertaining to public accountancy and bringing Virgin Islands law into compliance with the provisions recommended by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy in conjunction with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Virgin Islands Board of Public Accountancy and repealing title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5.
BR No. 13-0949, Bill No. 30-0297, Act No. 7582	An Act honoring and commending Orville "Chopper" Brown for his outstanding service to youths on the island of St. John and naming the basketball court located in Pine Piece, Enighed in his honor.

*** For the full information on any listed bills, amendments, resolutions, and acts shown above please visit the Legislature's official website at: www.legvi.org



Section V

Standard Operating Procedures & Professional Development

Brief Summary: The following section briefly presents the various policies, procedures, and professional developmental training implemented and or conducted at the 30th Legislature of the Virgin Islands.

Standard Operating Procedures

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TRAVEL

All Inter-Island travel (including Puerto Rico) for the conduct of Legislative business shall be requested by a Senator or Division Head through the Executive Director on the forms created for that purpose. All travel away from the Territory shall be requested to the President on forms provided for that purpose. The business to be conducted by the Senator, Senatorial Staff or Central Staff Employee shall be briefly explained in the space provided on the forms, and the forms shall be signed by the requesting Senator or Division Head.

The cost of all travel outside the Territory, including Puerto Rico, or between the Districts, including St. John, shall be attributed to the respective Senator's allotment, or the allotment of the Committee to which the Senator or Staff member is travelling, or the expense may be assessed against the Legislature's operating account, as may be authorized by the President.

PER DIEM

For the purpose of compensating Senators and Staff for travel related expenses, Per Diem of thirty dollars (\$30.00) shall be paid to Senators, for "same-day" inter-island travel or same-day travel to and from Puerto Rico.

Inter-District business travel by Senators and staff which require overnight stays on the Island which is not the Senators' or staffs' home Island (including Puerto Rico) are eligible for compensation of seventy five dollars (\$75.00) per night and related airfare and paid hotel accommodations. The hotel accommodations shall be secured by the delivery of an authorization letter or business check to hotels approved by the Legislature, authorizing the Senator's or staff's stay for the requested period of time. The hotel stay authorization letter shall specify that only the room charge and applicable taxes are authorized to be incurred by the Senator or staff on the Legislature's account. In-room dining and in-room land-line telephone calls shall not be charged on the Legislature's account.

Travel away from the Territory by Senators, their Staff or Central Staff employees shall be applied for in advance and may be approved by the President, in his discretion. Such travel shall be for conferences, meetings or events specifically related to the business of the Legislature.

Senators and Senatorial staff travel shall be arranged by the Senator's staff after approval has been secured from the President. Central staff travel out of the Territory shall be approved by the President in his discretion and

arranged by the respective Division Heads through the Executive Director.

Hotel accommodations for Senators and all Staff shall be paid by bank check drawn on the accounts of the Legislature and debited from the affected Senator's allotment, the appropriate Committee allotment, or the Legislature's operating account, as appropriate. In the event the hotel or resort advises the traveller in advance that a Legislature's bank check is not acceptable, the traveller may be provided a Legislature bank check made payable to the traveller. The traveller shall then deposit same to his or her bank account and utilize the deposited funds to defray the hotel expenses.

In the event the Senator or staff's travel is to attend a pre-announced conference, meeting, or event wherein "early bird" registration fees, airline tickets and discounted hotel room prices are offered, the Senator or staff shall receive a Legislative bank check for the discounted hotel and event registration fees only. Should the Senator or staff not avail themselves of the discounted hotel room prices or registration fees, the additional cost, if any, for hotel rooms and registration fees shall in each case be borne by the Senator or staff member. Should the Senator or staff member also fail to secure early bird airline tickets, they may also be required to bear all or a part of the additional costs therefor, in the sole discretion of the President. Airfare expenses for travel out of the Territory shall be based on "coach" fare and shall utilize the most direct and economical air travel to and from the Senator's or staff member's home island. Senators and Staff who deviate from the direct "home-to-conference-to-home" routing shall bear the cost of such deviations from their own personal resources. Per Diem for business travel out of the Territory, excluding Puerto Rico, by Senators and all Staff shall be based on Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) per day-or any portion thereof, per trip.

In the event Senators or Staff are invited to ceremonial or special activities in their official capacities away from their home Districts, and overnight accommodations are required, the Senators or Staff shall, after written approval by the President, receive airfare, the \$60.00 Per Diem and hotel room authorization for only one (1) night away from their home Island.

Reimbursement of authorized Per Diem for overnight, inter-island travel shall be computed and paid every three (3) months. Reimbursement of authorized Per Diem for off-island travel shall be computed and paid within twenty (20) days after receipt of proper and accurate documentation of the associated travel.

TRAVEL EXPENSE REPORT

All Senators and Staff shall utilize the interactive Travel Expense Report for the purpose of reporting on the expenses incurred during official business trips and for reimbursement, if appropriate. All airline boarding passes as well as any other evidence of the traveller's attendance at the meeting, conference or function shall be appended to the traveller's Travel Expense Report.

MANAGEMENT, USE AND OPERATION OF LEGISLATIVE VEHICLES

The following Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the management, use and operation of the Legislatures vehicles shall be as follows and apply on St. Croix, St. John and St. Thomas:

1. All Legislature passenger vehicles and trucks shall be operated only by employees and Senators of the Legislature who are properly licensed, skilled, and covered under the Legislature's Auto Insurance Policy.
2. All vehicles and trucks shall be operated during the workday only, and all vehicles shall be returned to the Legislative buildings and parked in their usual spaces at the close of each business day.
3. No employee, including Directors, Assistant Directors and the St. John Annex Staff shall be permitted to operate at Legislature vehicle or truck on weekends, holidays or overnights, except as set forth herein.
4. In the event a Senator requires and requests after-hours transportation services (after 5:00 on weekdays or on weekends or holidays) the Senator may secure one (1) of the Legislature's passenger vehicles for him or her to personally operate by signing out the vehicle through the Director of Transportation (or St. John Annex Administrator) on the respective islands. The subject Sign Out Log shall indicate to which Senator the vehicle was released; whether the Senator was to be chauffeured or self-operate the vehicle, and the out-in mileage.
5. In the event a Senator is to be chauffeured after the regular close of business in one of the Legislature's vehicles by an employee of the Legislature, the operator of said vehicle shall pick up the vehicle from the Legislature's Compound before picking up the Senator, and shall return the vehicle to the Compound immediately after transporting the Senator to his or her destination; except as specifically set forth herein below.
6. When a Senator or staff of the Legislature is to be transported in a Legislature vehicle to an off-site meeting or activity, the driver of the subject vehicle shall remain at the site for not longer than fifteen (15) minutes (20 minutes in the case of St. Croix), after which the vehicle operator shall return the vehicle to the Legislature's Compound for re-assignment or to await being summoned to retrieve the Senator or staff from the site where he or she was last discharged.

PROHIBITION AGAINST GUNS IN THE LEGISLATURE WORKPLACE

An unacceptable risk of harm to Senators, employees and visitors to Legislative facilities is posed by the possession of guns on the properties and facilities owned, operated or managed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands; and,

WHEREAS, the Attorney General of the Virgin Islands, in an official Opinion of The Attorney General dated January 16, 2014, determined that while employees of a department or an agency may lawfully be authorized to carry a firearm while at work pursuant to 23 V.I.C. Subsection 454 et seq., the head of a department or agency may "promulgate rules which pertain to possession of weapons in the workplace, and therein require that employees or visitors who are licensed to carry concealed weapons, check those weapons at the door."

It is the policy and operating procedures of the Virgin Islands Legislature that all employees of the Legislature who own, possess, or come into possession of a firearm shall not carry such a firearm, firearms, or weapons in places designated as the Legislative job sites, nor in vehicles owned or operated by the Legislature.

Legislature personnel shall not carry or possess guns at any time during their work hours or when they are otherwise acting in official capacities on behalf of the Legislature.

This policy and procedure shall not apply to Legislative employees or visitors who have been designated as "peace officers" by operation of law.

Appropriate notice of the operating procedure banning firearms from Legislature facilities and workplaces shall be prominently posted and displayed in areas on or about Legislative facilities and workplaces; including Legislative vehicles.

CELL PHONE ACQUISITION AND USAGE

The Legislature shall not provide cell phone devices to Senators nor Staff, and shall not compensate or reimburse Senators nor Staff for use of their cell phones in the conduct of Legislative business.

The 30th Legislature in June 2013 adopted, have adopted and implemented the following listed Human Resources Manual, Procedures, Rules & Regulations, and a Sexual Harassment Manual for the Legislature. Please follow the respective Tables of Contents to familiarize yourself with what should be in the manuals. To view exact details for each respective section please contact the Executive Director’s Office for your own personal full copy of each.

Professional Development Human Resources Employee Manual

The 30th Legislature of the Virgin Islands has drafted and implemented a “Human Resources Employee Manual.” The Manual is “user friendly,” clearly defining the regulations, policies and procedures that each employee of the Virgin Islands Legislature; Central Staff and Senatorial Staff is expected to adhere to. It is for this reason that each employee was required to acknowledge the receipt of the Manual via an enclosed attachment. The rules, regulations, policies and procedures that comprise the document pertain to individual, professional and personal behavior while in the Legislature’s work environment. Every employee is bound by the regulations, policies and procedures contained in the Manual. Therefore, each employee will be required to meet the standards and criteria specified in each section as members of the Legislature’s staff. As a member of the Staff of the Virgin Islands Legislature, it is anticipated that by adhering to the rules and regulations, each employee shall enjoy a productive working environment.

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Professional Development Policy and Guidance for Prevention of Sexual Harassment

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POLICY AND GUIDANCE FOR PREVENTION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

POLICY AND GUIDELINES FOR THE PREVENTION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE WORK PLACE OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

The Legislature of the Virgin Islands adheres to the Constitutional rights of all persons, and recognizes the right of equal employment opportunity without regard to race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, disability, marital status, religion or national origin. It is the Legislature's policy that all employees of the Legislature must be able to enjoy a work environment free from all forms of prohibited discrimination, including sexual harassment, retaliation and an otherwise hostile environment. It is also the Legislature's requirement that employees treat one another with utmost respect.

The Legislature promotes a work environment free of sexual harassment. Sexual harassment, retaliation and the creation of a hostile environment are specifically prohibited as unlawful and constitute a violation of the Policy Manual. The Legislature is committed to efforts for preventing sexual harassment in the workplace, for taking immediate corrective action to stop sexual harassment in the workplace, and for promptly investigating and resolving any allegations of work related sexual harassment complaints.

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Section VI

Events

Brief Summary: “The following section introduces the various activities and events that have taken place at the 30th Legislature during the 2013-2014 legislative year.”



Senator Lorraine L. Berry Building Ceremony

Members of the 30th Legislature joined family, friends, and colleagues of the late Lorraine Ledee Berry at the Earl B. Ottley Legislative Hall for the naming of the Legal Counsel building in observance of the former senator's service.

"Consistent, visionary, steadfast, forthright, courageous, judicious, dedicated, determined, intelligent, inquisitive, politician, loving wife, daughter, mother and proud Virgin Islander," said Senator Malone.

Act 7324, sponsored by Senators Janette Millin Young and Shawn Michael Malone, was created to commend Sen. Berry for her years of public service and to name the legislative complex containing the Legal Counsel and other offices in her honor.

"As I developed the resolution to honor her, I thought what better place to name after this awesome legislator than the building that houses our legal counsel division. It is the place where measures are drafted for inclusion

in our very important V.I. Code. And Sen. Berry, after 12 consecutive terms in office, contributed hundreds of bills to our V.I. Code. And so therefore, her name will live in perpetuity," said Senator Millin Young.

The recurring sentiment among those who spoke—family, former employees and friends—was Senator Berry's firm commitment to always act in the best interest of the people of the Virgin Islands.

Richard Berry, husband to the late senator shared that two mentors, former governors Cyril E. King and Earl B. Ottley, were especially responsible for the launch of his wife's political career. Both commended her for her ability to be aggressive and courageous when speaking about a variety of concerns—from her children's primary school education to the grander issues affecting the territory—and suggested she run for the senate.

One of the first pieces of legislation she drafted, along with then Sen. Iver Stridiron, regarded the territory's



Black History Month

conversion to the electronic voting system, ending the sleepless nights of counting ballots and the seemingly endless and misleading fluctuating results. Berry also sponsored the legislation that established the donated leave program, assisting families in their time of need. The program allows government employees to donate sick leave to other employees whose accrued sick leave would expire before they are able to return to work. The legislation has been helpful to many of those who suffer from medical challenges.

Sen. Berry died on July 19, 2010 after a year-long battle with colon cancer. She is the only member of the VI Legislature to serve 12 consecutive terms. During her tenure as a public servant, she chaired eight committees, served as a majority leader, and sat as the senate president twice—the second of only two women in Virgin Islands history to have served as president.

Black History Month Reception - The Legislature had had the privilege to discuss potential minimum wage increases and other issues with Obama Administration officials and members of Congress at Vice President Joe Biden's Third Annual Black History Month reception at Biden's official residence at the U.S. Naval Observatory which included Charles Rangel, representative from New York's 13th Congressional District.

More than 140 guests were in attendance, including Attorney General Eric Holder, U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk, and EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, as well as members of the Congressional Black Caucus, the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, the National Conference of Black Mayors and the National Organization of Black County Officials. Senator Malone serves on the Executive Committee of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators.



Legislative Summer Internship Program

The Legislatures' Summer Internship Program gives students mostly within the territory an opportunity to learn more about various aspects of politics and public administration. The program normally includes enrichment activities pertaining to parliamentary procedure; legislative research and archival processes; post-audit analysis; management information systems; public affairs; bill drafting; and legal analysis. The program is funded by the legislature and is operational when funds are appropriated and released during the fiscal year.



Nelson Mandela Ceremony

Members of the 30th Legislature, honored and remembered the late President Nelson Mandela during “A Tribute to Anti-Apartheid Revolutionary & Civil Rights Activist” Ceremony, held at the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall.

The ceremony included remarks from Senator Myron Jackson, who shared a brief synopsis of the life of Mandela and his fight to stop the government-sanctioned system of apartheid in South Africa.

Several Senators and Senate President Shawn-Michael Malone honored Mandela during a memorial service held at the Mandela Circle and Edward Wilmoth Blyden Drive; which now features a large billboard featuring a picture of Mandela that is accessorized with flowers, purple and black ribbons.

The ceremony continued with additional senatorial remarks, a message from Keynote Speaker Judith Bourne, poetry read by the students from Charlotte Amalie High School and Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School, drumming

performed by Keith Brown and Feba Reid. The Shaka Zulu Troupe performed a dance, and Heru Ofori-Atta performed spoken word. Nelson Mandela was born on July 18, 1918 on the banks of the Mbashe River. His original name was Rolihlahla. Eventually, he was given the name Nelson by a white teacher. Mandela devoted his life fighting against apartheid.

After years of combating apartheid, Mandela was sentenced to life in prison. However, after serving 27 years due to an international outcry he was released in 1990 and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize three years later. By 1994, he was the first black man to be elected President of South Africa. The Mandela Administration focused on reconciliation, a new constitution and the expansion of the healthcare program. In his later years, he served as an elder statesman who fought against poverty and HIV/AIDS prevention through the Nelson Mandela Foundation. At the age of 95, Nelson Mandela passed away on Thursday, December 5, 2013.

Legislative Youth Advisory Council – (LYAC)

CHARLOTTE AMALIE-ST.THOMAS—The territory’s first Legislative Youth Advisory Council conducted its swearing-in ceremony at the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on Monday, December 16, 2013.

The council, which consists of 16 members of the territory’s youth, is a product of Bill No 29-0102 proposed in the 29th Legislature by Sen. Terrence “Positive” Nelson and Nereida Rivera O’Reilly now known as ACT NO. 7303. The council will act as a liaison between the community and the legis-

lature to provide input on proposed and pending legislation, budget expenditures and policy related to youth in the community. Senate President Shawn-Michael Malone congratulated chosen students for their accomplishment of making it through the selection process. “This is a special day for us and for the entire Virgin Islands,” said Sen. Malone.

Sen. Malone quoted Franklin D. Roosevelt who said, “We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.” He also



added that he would like to see a bill passed during the remainder of the 30th Legislature with the input of the Youth Advisory Council. Sen. Nelson noted that it was no coincidence that President Nelson Madiba Mandela was laid to rest the day before the swearing in ceremony. “It’s your turn,” he told the council. “You may not have all the answers, but it’s your turn regardless. Do not be afraid.”

Shaulia Todman, chairperson of the Youth Ad-

visory Council spoke on behalf of the youth in the territory. “I hope that it isn’t easy for policy makers and other decision makers to ignore the ideas offered by the next generation who stand to inherit so many unsolved problems of the world,” she said. “We are the next generation and we are concerned.”

The Honorable Chief Judge Michael C. Dunston of the Virgin Islands Superior Court, who sat on the selection committee, challenged the new council to be the change. “Use this as an opportunity to assist those who do not have your accomplishments, who do not have your impressive resumes, who do not have your skills and talents,” he said. “Find a way through this counsel to assist those who are about to drop out of school, who are about to join a gang, who are about to turn to violence, who are about to turn to drugs because with your vision this legislature can do something to help solve those problems in the Virgin Islands.”

Donna Frett-Gregory, Commissioner of the Department of Education congratulated the council, saying that she was overwhelmed. “Young people, you are going to change the face of this territory,” she said.

Sen. Judi Fricks-Buckley shared a piece of advice to council members after offering congratulations. “Don’t be afraid to tell us the truth,” she said. The 16 members of the council include: Deja Adams, Areannah Agathe, Amiel Brown, Clemrick Bryan, Anumaat Davis Kahina, Kevin Dixon, Cyana Francis-Berkitt, Yohance Henley, Bria James, Zion James, Ke’Shawn Louis, Owen Sanford, Jordan Thomas, Gleason Thompson Jr. Shaulia Todman, and Raeniqua K. Victorine

Other senators present were Craig W. Barshinger, Diane Capehart, Donald G. Cole, Kenneth L. Gittens, Alicia “Chucky” Hansen, Shawn-Michael Malone, Nereida Rivera O’Reilly, and Tregenza Roach.







The 1st Legislative Youth Advisory Council - (LYAC)

The following members are, reading from left to right; Anumaat Davis Kahina, Areannah Agathe, Amiel Brown, - (Co Treasurer) Zion James, Raeniqua K. Victorine, Owen Sanford, Ke'Shawn Louis, Clemrick Bryan, - (Treasurer) Yohance Henley, - (Vice Chair) Shaulia Todman, - (Chair Person) Bria James, - (Secretary) Cyana Francis-Berkitt, Jordan Thomas, Kevin Dixon, Gleason Thompson Jr., and Deja Adams.



Dancing with St. Thomas stars

Senator Shawn-Michael Malone danced the tango Saturday night in order to assist in raising money for the SPARKS organization, which sponsors numerous programs on behalf of Virgin Islands youth, to include an annual college tour.

The Dancing With The Stars competition was held at Charlotte Amalie High School and paired local community leaders with students. Senator Malone danced with 18 year-old University of the Virgin Islands nursing student, Denaesha Phipps. "We had three dances in total and Miss Phipps did a fantastic job," Senator Malone said. "I would like to thank all my fellow competitors and SPARKS for a great evening - I was very impressed by the talent on display." The Senate President also praised SPARKS founder, former Senator Judy Gomez.

"Attorney Gomez served honorably in the senate and has continued her long time commitment to bettering our community," he said. "I thank her for her many efforts on behalf of our territory and our young people."

Legislature X-Mas Party 2013



Section VII

Investing in our Islands Future

Brief Summary: The following section introduces special press release events that will positively directly impact the future of the Virgin Islands due to work and correspondences conducted with or for the members of the 30th Legislature of the Virgin Islands and all its residents to which they humbly serve.





Investing in our future

Senate President signs MOU for \$1 million alternative energy study

Low cost electricity, plentiful potable water for drinking and farming, aquaculture, new industries spurred on by affordable power, fixed energy costs, electric cars and reduced pollution are among the potential positive outcomes if the U.S. Virgin Islands implements Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion Technology (OTEC) - an innovative, alternative energy system that generates power via the differential between warm surface and cold deep sea temperatures.

On behalf of the 30th Legislature, Senate President Shawn-Michael Malone signed off on a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ocean Thermal Energy Corporation for it to conduct a study to evaluate the feasibility of installing OTEC renewable energy power plants and Seawater Air Conditioning (SWAC) facilities in the United States Virgin Islands.

This MOU is one result of the V.I. Renewable & Alternative Energy Act of 2009 and its drafting was authorized last year via Resolution 1795.

Senator Craig Barshinger, Chairman of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, joined the Senate President at the signing of the MOU. Senator Barshinger was the primary sponsor of Resolution 1795. Senator Malone urged Ocean Thermal Energy Corporation representatives to hire locals to facilitate the study and thanked them for investing their time and money in the Virgin Islands. "We're very pleased to have this opportunity today to follow through on what the Senate has acted upon," Senator Malone said. "Through the signing of the MOU we are demonstrating this Body's accountability as it relates to bringing long term solutions for solving our energy crisis."



Six-Pack Rule Advances in Congress

Senate President Shawn-Michael Malone praised the United States House of Representatives for passing a law that exempts Virgin Islands charter boats from the six-passenger limit restriction. When the new regulations were implemented most of the charter yacht industry left the territory in favor of operating out of the less restrictive British Virgin Islands. The Bill now faces a vote in the U.S. Senate.

The proposed legislation came as a result of the collective efforts of many to include the Office of V.I. Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen and the Congressional Outreach Program, which Senator Malone first initiated working in conjunction with former Governor Charles W. Turnbull. The program, later adopted and continued by the de Jongh Administration, brings congressional leaders to the territory to familiarize them with issues critical to the Virgin Islands.

Pennsylvania Congressman Bill Shuster, Chairman of the House Transportation Committee, who introduced the bill, was here as part of the outreach program in November of 2013. Senator Malone added that in recent months West Virginia Senator Jay Rockefeller had committed to advance a senate version of the six-pack exemption measure.





Washington Report

Secretary of Transportation- Inter-island travel, unsafe and deteriorating roads, and incomplete Federal Highway projects, were a few of the things brought to the attention of Anthony Foxx, U.S. Secretary of Transportation by Senate President Malone. Virgin Islands tourism and trade is inextricably tied to transportation issues Senator Malone said. “We are all too well aware of our bad roads and the lack of proper lines and signage and I named very specific concerns to include resurfacing the Melvin H. Evans Highway on St. Croix, fixing Kingshill Road on St. John, and dealing with Brookman Road and the Bridge to Nowhere on St. Thomas once and for all.

There is a need for a ferry that can transport both passengers and vehicles. The Senate President said. He told Secretary Foxx this would be a huge economic boost for the Territory as St. Croix farmers could bring their products to sell on St. Thomas, and St. Thomas tourists could make day trips to St. Croix.

Legislative Report Additional Disclosure

In addition to the listed developments in the territory, we take this time to note that a major development for the territory's Financial Industry is reflected in Act No. 7390 Bill No. 29-0308 which Amends Title 9 Virgin Islands Code, adding chapter 25, "The International Banking Center Regulatory Act," and repealing chapter 21 of title 9 which the current members of the 30th Legislature acknowledges and agrees to take immediate action on this major piece of legislation in the near future." To get more details on this major piece of legislation please visit and research this act on the Legislatures' Official Website: www.legvi.org

Washington Report Continued

Below - Senator Malone and Attorney Neil Weare, founder of the We The People Project based in Washington, D.C.

Weare is the President and Founder of the We The People Project, an organization that works to achieve equal rights and representation for the nearly 5 million Americans living in U.S. territories and the District of Columbia.

"I wanted a complete update on this case as well as information about the recent symposium Harvard University held focused on this issue," Senator Malone said. "If American Samoa prevails it could lay the groundwork for increased benefits for us all to include expanded voting power for our Delegate to Congress and a vote in Presidential elections."

Recently the NBCSL agreed to support Senator Malone's resolutions calling for enhanced rights for Virgin Islands residents to include participation in Presidential elections, expanded voting rights in Congress and greater federal protection for Virgin Islands borders.


Below - Senator Malone has been able to discuss many VI issues with national leaders such as House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi. pictured here in her office in 2013



Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) is a national non-profit organization dedicated to preventing dropouts and securing employment for young people who are most at-risk. JAG currently serves 42,000 at-risk young people annually, in more than 800 high schools in 32 states, including 205 Virgin Islands Youths, according to the organization's website. to the organization's website.

Below - Senate President Malone meets with Kenneth M. Smith, Co-Founder and President of Jobs for America's Graduates, and USVI Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen to discuss expanding the Virgin Islands program





Senate President Malone works with national organizations to lobby on behalf of the U.S. Virgin Islands, Conference call with President Obama

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS - Senate President Shawn-Michael Malone, recently tapped to serve on the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures, is meeting with the organization's leaders this week in Austin, Texas. The NCSL is the premier organization representing state Governments at the national level and provides various resources to state legislature

Senator Malone was elected to the post last fall by a committee of legislators from more than a dozen states. He is the first and only official from a United States territory to serve on NCSL's Executive Committee.

"We work with each other to lobby the federal government on various issues and to gain insights as to what laws or policies have had a positive impact in our jurisdictions," Senator Malone said. "My focus is to make the states more aware of the need for all U.S. citizens to be treated equally".

He is also a member of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators and was invited to participate in a teleconference today with President Barak Obama in order for the Chief Executive to highlight pieces of his State of the Union address and discuss ways in which lawmakers can help to support key policies in their states and territories. "I found President Obama's State of the Union speech to be very uplifting for the most part and I was struck by our mutual concern that we are not adequately preparing our young people for the jobs actually available today," the Senate President said. "I also agree we have a serious problem with the widening income equality gap - something that is perhaps being felt even more acutely here in the territory than the rest of America. Much of

Obama's vision will depend on the President having willing partners in state legislatures and I do support an eventual increase to our local minimum wage, though the timing is something we have to carefully consider given the economic climate. What was missing for me in his speech was any specific reference to greater inclusion of United States territories - I contend we are equally American and entitled to the same health care and other benefits and must be given the rights to a real voice in Presidential elections and Congress. We are approaching our 100th Anniversary as an American territory and it is time that we relinquish our second-class citizen status. Given the chance, it is my hope to convey this to the President."

As an Executive Member of the NBSCL, Senator Malone recently had an opportunity to introduce three resolutions that the group adopted on behalf of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The resolutions include increased funding for Virgin Islands border protection in order to help stop the flow of weapons, guns and illegal immigration; the restoration of voting rights to the Virgin Islands Delegate to Congress; and the right for Virgin Islanders to participate in presidential elections. Later this year Senator Malone will introduce a resolution to calling for the territory's full inclusion in the Affordable Health Care Act.

In addition to providing training and resources, the NBSCL's primary mission is to serve as a strong, united and effective advocate for African American state legislators and their constituencies at the federal level.

Senate President meets with Royal Danish Consulate General

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS - Senate President Shawn-Michael Malone had what he and Denmark's Consul General each described as a "brainstorming session" as to the role that nation could play in the economic development of the Virgin Islands and in the upcoming centennial recognition of the territory's transfer from Denmark to the United States. Ambassador and Consul General of Denmark in New York, Jarl Frijs-Madsen, was in the Virgin Islands this week for Transfer Day ceremonies.

"Denmark has provided us with a steady stream of tourists for many years, but I would like to expand on this and look towards Danish investment in this industry, particularly on St. Croix," Senator Malone said. "I shared the details of our Hotel Development Act and the other incentives available to potential investors." Senator Malone said that Denmark continued to be among the world's leaders in renewable and clean energy projects and that he would like to find a

way to utilize that country's expertise and experience in this area to assist the territory in reducing its dependence on fossil fuels and lowering energy costs. "I would like to see us foster greater cultural and educational exchanges in general," Senator Malone said. "Though our relationship with Denmark as a former colonial power is complex, we can't deny its existence nor the fact that we are bound by our shared history and even familial ties."

The Senate President and Consul General Frijs-Madsen also discussed Denmark's participation in the Transfer Centennial programs planned for 2017.

"We would like to find a way to engage both Virgin Islands and Danish youth in this regard," Senator Malone said. "We will be speaking again on this issue."

The Senate President thanked the Danish Consul General for visiting the territory and the Legislature.



World Ocean School Returns to St. Thomas

More than 250 Virgin Islands students are being introduced to careers in the marine industry and experiencing hands on science lessons with the World Ocean School.

Students from Charlotte Amalie High School, Ivanna Eudora Kean High School, Bertha C. Boschulte Junior High School, Antilles, Addelita Cancryn Junior High School and Gladys Abraham Elementary School have taken part this year. The

students learn about navigation, physics, marine biology, history, water safety and are introduced to the many possibilities of working in the marine industry. The World Ocean School will also be working with students from St. John and the University of the Virgin Islands.



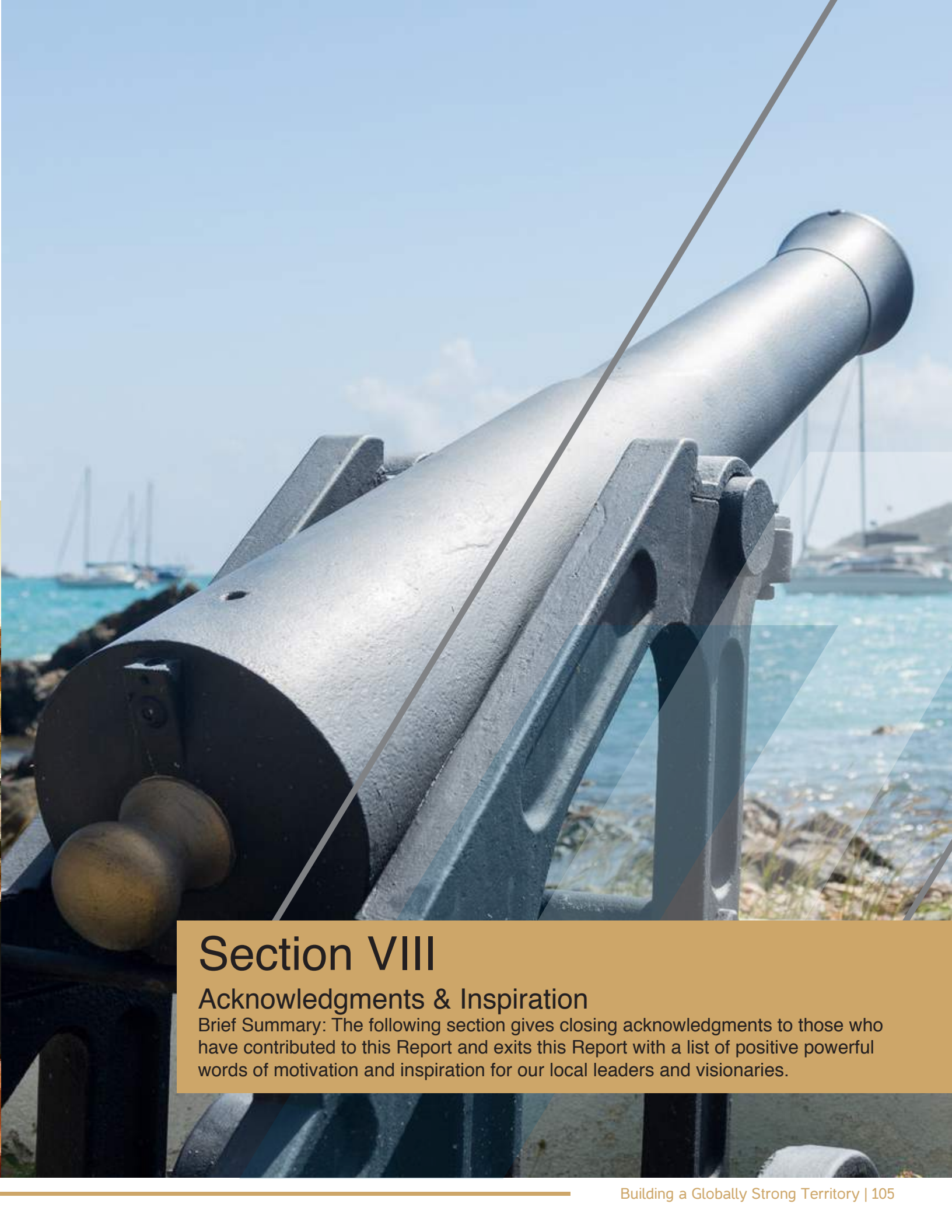
Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico Legislators have historic summit. Island territories agree to increased cooperation

Members of the 30th Legislature met Friday with the leadership of the Puerto Rico Senate to discuss issues impacting both of America's Caribbean territories.

Senate President Shawn-Michael Malone described the Nine members of the Puerto Rico Senate, to include Senate President Eduardo Bhatia Gautier, met with ten Virgin Islands senators on St. Thomas to discuss issues of mutual concern, to include energy, transportation, border protection, rum rebates and the Jones Act. Puerto Rico's senators are in general support of expanding their power grid to both the Virgin Islands and the wider Caribbean and would ask that the actual expense of laying an undersea cable be reexamined.

The Senate President thanked his colleague, Senator Janette Millin Young - who chairs the Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture & Planning - for spearheading the summit. He also expressed his thanks to the Governor's Office and the St. Thomas-St. John Chamber of Commerce for their participation.





Section VIII

Acknowledgments & Inspiration

Brief Summary: The following section gives closing acknowledgments to those who have contributed to this Report and exits this Report with a list of positive powerful words of motivation and inspiration for our local leaders and visionaries.

Acknowledgment & Inspiration

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List of Motivational & Inspirational Quotes

"Blessed are they who see beautiful things in humble places where other people see nothing"
— Camille Pissarro

"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up"
— Pablo Picasso

"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing" — Walt Disney

"Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value" — Albert Einstein

"Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life" — Steve Jobs

"Life isn't about getting and having, it's about giving and being" — Kevin Kruse

"The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any"
— Alice Walker

"The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity" — Amelia Earhart

"The mind is everything. What you think you become" — Buddha

"I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed" — Michael Jordan

"Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children" — Dwight D. Eisenhower

"You are the sum total of everything you've ever seen, heard, eaten, smelled, been told, forgot - it's all there. Everything influences each of us, and because of that I try to make sure that my experiences are positive."- Maya Angelou



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