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- 0:00:00 I'll see you next time. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. I'll see you next time We'll be right back. Thank you. Thank you. We'll be right back. Thank you. We'll be right back. We'll be right back. We'll be right back. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. We'll be right back. Let's get started. We'll be right back. Thank you. Thank you. We'll be right back. Thank you. I'll be right back Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. I love you. Oh, oh, oh! Thank you. Let's go. Let's go. Thank you. Thank you. Let's go. Let's go. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. We'll be right back. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. We'll see you next week. . Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Good morning. Good morning, everyone, colleagues.
- 0:27:26 This Committee on Rules and Judiciary meeting for Thursday, September 15, 2022 is hereby call to order. I want to just extend greetings to our hardworking central staff employees. Good morning to the people of the United States, Virgin Islands. Madam Clerk, can we please have a roll call? Good morning. chair um senator angel um bolquez bolquez jr senator bolquez present senator novell e francis jr senator francis present senator kenneth l gittins Senator Gittins, present, Senator Franklin D. Johnson, here, Senator Johnson, present, Senator Karla J. Joseph, present. Senator Milton E. Potter, here. Senator Potter, present. Senator Genevieve R. Whitaker, present. Senator Whitaker, present. Mr. Chair, we have seven present.
- 0:29:01 Thank you very much, Madam Clerk. Colleagues, we have a quorum, so we may proceed. This morning, we will be addressing one of the most fundamental aspects of our job as elected senators, and that is the passage of a territorial fiscal year budget for the operations of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands. One that is balanced, and one that is in place by october 1st 2022. all budget bills were vetted in the committee of jurisdiction that is the committee on finance and on that note i really must commend the finance chair along with the members and non-members of the finance committee for completing what was a very grueling summer long agenda to ensure that all of the budgetary numbers for each agency was properly aligned and properly justified. Additionally, we cannot forget the hard work and

dedication of the many agency officials and their support teams. This process could not happen without them central staff employees of this body must also be recognized for their support in particular highly professional post audit division headed by mr. Jose George the moral of the story is working together works clearly in the FY23 budget or the FY23 budget was a result of the collaborative efforts of a team. This morning the Committee and Rules and Judiciary will further consider these bills with the aim of forwarding them to the full body for

0:30:52 final consideration. Madam Clerk, are there any pieces of correspondence to be read into the record at this time? No, Mr. Chair. Okay, Madam Clerk, can you please read the agenda for block number one into the record the committee on rules and judiciary has scheduled a meeting for Thursday September 15th 2022 at 930 at the in the in the Earl B Otley legislative chambers on st. Thomas to consider the following in block one bill number 34-03-02 an act providing an appropriation from the general fund of the Treasury of the government of the Virgin Islands for the operation of the government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1st 2022 through September 30th 2023 proposed by Senators Donna A. Fred Gregory and Curt A. Vila. Bill number 34-0-3-0-3, an act providing an appropriation from the operation for the operation of the judicial branch of the government of the Virgin Islands, judicial council, and the Office of the Territorial Public Defender during the fiscal year October 1st 2022 through September 30th 2023 proposed by Senators Donna A. Fred Gregory and Curt A. Violet by request of the Governor.

0:32:35 Bill number 34-0304, an act providing an appropriation for the legislature of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023, proposed by Senators Donna A. Fred Gregory and Curt A. Viale. Bill number 34-0305, an act providing an appropriation for salaries and expenses of the Virgin Islands Board of Elections and the Office of the Supervisor of Elections for the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023, proposed by Senators Donna A. Fred Gregory and Curt A. Viale by request of the governor. Bill number 340306, an act providing an appropriation from the Anti-Litter and Beautification Fund to the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority and the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works for operating expenses during the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023, proposed by Senators Donna A. Fred Gregory and Curt A. VLA by request of the Governor. bill number 34-0307 an act providing an appropriation for the salaries and expenses of the university of the virgin islands for the fiscal year october 1st 2022 through september 30th, 2023, proposed by Senators Donna A. Fred Gregory and Curt A. Viale by request of the

0:34:47 Governor. Bill number 34-0308, an act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Board of Education from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023. Proposed by Senators Donna A. Fred Gregory and Kurt A. Viale by request of the Governor. Bill number 34-0309, an act providing an appropriation from the Business and Commercial Properties Revolving Fund to the Virgin Islands Department of Property and Procurement for operating expenses for the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023. proposed by Senators Donna A. Fred Gregory and Kurt A. Viale by request of the Governor. Bill number 34-0310, an act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Career and Technical Education Board from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023. Proposed by Senators Donna A. Fred Gregory and Kurt A. Viale by request of the

0:36:41 Governor. Bill number 34-0311, an act providing an appropriation from the Caribbean Basin Initiative Fund as a contribution to the General Fund of the Treasury of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023, proposed by Senators Donna A. Fred Gregory and Curt A. Violet by request of the Governor. Bill number 340312, an act providing an appropriation from the Government Insurance Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the Department of Labor and the Department of Finance for operating expenses during the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023. Proposed by Senators Donna A. Fred Gregory and Curt A. VLA by request of the governor. Finally in block one, bill number 34-0313, an act providing for the lump sum appropriation from the Health Revolving Fund to the Virgin Islands Department of Health for fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023, proposed by Senators Donna A. Fred Gregory and Curt A. Violet by request of the Governor. This concludes the reading of Block 1, Mr. Chair.

0:38:35 Thank you very much, Madam Clerk. Colleagues, we will proceed with a two-minute round prior to considering all bills via the closed rules. And we're going to start with Senator Balquez. You're recognized for your two minutes. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair, and good morning to everyone in the listening audience. This budget process has definitely been a very interesting one. It's my first time.

0:39:07 and I've spent a good bit of time immersing myself with the Committee on Finance to learn about the budget process because I believe that as a senator, one of the primary duties is to understand how to appropriate funds to the local government so that they may impact services and its residents. I was able to advocate for a number of things during this

budget cycle, of which one of them was an appropriation of \$600,000 for two fire trucks for the island of St. John. as we had a fire recently in March and trying to reach some of the roads to access the home was very difficult for the firefighters. I was able to communicate with the fire chief to advocate for that. Senator DeGraff was very influential in supporting that endeavor as well.

0:40:05 A number of things that also are advocated for, along with my colleagues, is crime victims' compensation. They have not been able to compensate victims of crime since 2016. And with the help of my colleagues, we're able to support that because they had no funding for over six years. So now 239 claimants will be able to be made whole to receive grievance services and other very critical services when it comes to rehabilitation. Mr. Chair, I will say, and colleagues, joining you this budget cycle has been very informative and educational. I'm looking forward to continuing working on this committee when it comes to finance and also rules and judiciary.

0:40:53 So that's my two minutes, and I appreciate the time, Mr. Chair. Thank you. Thank you very much, Senator Balquez. Senator Francis, you're recognized for your two minutes. Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. Good morning to you, my colleagues. Good morning to the central staff, other staff members, and good morning to the people of the Virgin Islands. Let me, too, commend certainly the administration, the executive branch for sending down the budget. And I want to especially thank the Committee of Finance for the work that they have done, the due diligence, and work that they have done to go through all of the agencies, a review of this budget process and this budget cycle. I had the opportunity to sit in most, if not all, of the budget hearings that I've done during my entire time at the legislature, my four terms, because I think it's very critical for us to be able to, again, glean what's happening in regards to our finances, as well as the expenditures of the government to the Virgin Islands. I attended markup, I attended wrap-up, and of course today we're here in Rules Committee for the purpose of the clearing house and moving these measures forward and as the chair have indicated we'll be moving these measures forward with the pursuant to a closed rule because again all of the work that have been done by myself and all my colleagues will be for naught. If there is some significant change made it'll throw everything out of whack and our goal here is to make sure that we're moving a balanced budget you know just some observation that was made during the the review of the budget we continue to see a number of vacancies throughout government um we continue to see that the federal monies are not expended as timely as as necessary i think it's something that we definitely have to take a more active role on to ensure that we're expending all of federal monies um but you know i believe that um you know the budget cycle this this time around has been done before this body have have really been on target and on mark in in terms of the

0:43:11 monies that we intend to collect it's basic basic accounting really 30 seconds revenues coming in and expenditures going out we are not for profit uh government um however we have to continue to operate in in the block we see that there's some requests being made uh for the purpose of some funds transfer and you know it's critical that we continue to to ensure that we are operating in the block and not in the red so i'm very much happy to be a part of this process we also have a rainy day fund you know believe it or not um that that will be available again for those days um that we don't see the red news coming in as expected uh thank you very much mr chair uh for the time again i'm happy to be a part of this process and look forward as we continue to move this budget cycle to session day thank you thank you very much senator francis senator gittins you're recognized for your two minutes.

0:44:13 Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just also put my comments that I commend the finance chair and his committee members, inclusive of other non-committee members who participated in the finance hearings. I too have participated in most of these hearings and I'm comfortable in casting my vote at the appropriate time. I just want to encourage the executive branch agencies that are responsible for collections to be a bit more proactive in their collections so that we can collect funds that's needed to run this government. I've always said that we need to run our operations as if we're running a business.

0:45:07 The only difference is that the government will not be running its affairs for a profit, but at least running its affairs where you can collect the revenues that's needed to carry out the functions of this government so that we can provide the services to the people of this territory. Again, not only commending the finance committee, I also thank the executive branch for sending down their budget. However, I truly wish that in the future that we wouldn't have 30 seconds and saying that we can do more with less or that they were told to just say that this is sufficient when we know that it may not be sufficient.

0:46:06 However, as we see when the executive branch and the legislative branches come together and work together, we can reach high places. So at the appropriate time, I will cast a vote in support of the measures before us. Thank you, Mr. Chair and colleagues. Thank you very much. Senator Gittins. Senator Johnson, you're recognized for your two minutes. Good morning. Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. Good morning to my colleagues. Good morning to the view and listening audience.

- 0:46:41 It's a pleasure to be here today and to be a part of this process. I, too, definitely would like to say, you know, big thank you to the finance chair and his committee and all others senators who took part in this process. This is one of the most rigorous parts of this position as a senator, and it's a pleasure to be there and listen to the different agencies as they come lobbying for the funds and stuff like that. I did take part in a lot of these finance here, and it's a learning process every day. It's the second go wrong. I definitely would like to say thank you to the administration for their part in sending it down in a timely manner.
- 0:47:20 And as, again, I said, the finance chair and his team did an awesome job in completing it in a timely manner. What I would like to see is that the agencies, them, who have funding to do different things in their department, that they utilize the fund and not come back to the end of the year. And we see a lot of these agency funds not being spent. But I definitely would like to encourage those, commit those agency head to make sure to tap into those government funds that are there and let's not continuously send back money to the federal government. At the appropriate time, I definitely will be voting in the affirmative because I see that it's balanced and it's ready to go forward.
- 0:48:04 Thank you very much for the time, Mr. Chair. Thank you very much, Senator Johnson. Senator Joseph, you're recognized for your two minutes. Thank you so much, Mr. Chairman. A pleasant good morning to you and our colleagues, as well as the listening and viewing audience. I, too, join my colleagues in really giving high kudos to the Chairman of the Finance Committee and all the Finance Committee members, as well as the hardworking post-audit staff. and the Finance Committee Chairman's staff, and all of the members who attended the Committee on Finance budget hearings, the markup, as well as the wrap-up. I attended most of the budget hearings, and I did attend the markup, as well as the wrap-up, even though I am not a member of the Committee on Finance. We have done an awesome job in putting forward a really conservative and realistic budget for the government of the Virgin Islands. There are pieces in there that even look at wages, increases for our hardworking people of the government of the Virgin Islands. So I stand ready to support these measures and these measures as we go forward. I also want to note that we were able to put in place a number of funding for a non-profit organization especially them geared at young people and youth activities such as the boys and girls club of saint thomas the marine vocational program and these and the little league these are key organizations that help to shape and the leadership and the quality of our young people especially based on a lot of 30 seconds issues and the violent activities and fights and brawls we're seeing in our schools so i'm urging parents get your young people involved in some of these non-profit organizations these youth activities going forward so that they can keep engaged we cannot afford to have them having any idle time thank you so much mr chairman for the time and i don't want to abuse my time and and as when we go forward to vote i will be voting in the affirmative and all of these measures thank you so much mr chair thank you very much Senator Joseph, Senator Whittaker, you're now recognized for your two minutes.
- 0:50:39 Good morning, Chairman. Good morning, colleagues. Good morning to people of Virgin Islands. I, too, also join in just really commending the effort, of course, with the Finance Committee Chairman, his team, and all the Senators, part of the Finance Committee. I will, though, as I've participated in budget hearings, really continue to emphasize the need for performance-based budgeting. We as senators are continuing to kind of go into this process with our blinders, sort of blinded, because in fact we are not in that space. And the reason why performance-based budgeting is so important, it's going to be able for us to properly, in different areas, see the gains and the goals achieved by agencies, as well as really address the proper spending of our funds. And so we need to move in that direction. there are over 30 states that in fact make sure as legislators that they do performance-based budgeting i do acknowledge that the office of management budget director has in fact gone in that direction but i but to this budget process it was not no information for each each agency was provided as to them adhering to performance-based budgeting i'll also highlight the importance of how we fund our organizations through my office i feel that a number of non-profits and sent it through the finance committee chair and really ensuring that when we're properly funding key programs in our community because those are very same programs are going to help assist members of our community and i do wish to see a lot more transparency between the executive legislative branch by way of funding i recognize we have a system 30 seconds. Through open government, we can get details. However, as we deal with how we spend the funds, as we aggressively address the proper spending of funds, that's something that even through this process and going forward, we have to improve. Again, I commend the effort. I also support all the measures, as well as I'm a person that continues to champion the rights of workers, because I also believe where we've also fallen behind is ensuring that staff receives their annual increases, and as well as their entitlement to retracted monies.
- 0:52:45 Thank you, Chairman. Thank you very much, Senator Whitaker. And again, I just want to reiterate my gratitude to the finance chair and the members of the finance committee as well as non-members for the hard work that went into bringing the budget to where it is right now. kudos also to the various government agencies agency heads and their support staff that all put in a tremendous amount of time and effort during this process you know one of the common

things that I think and it was pretty similar to last time around I believe one of my colleagues may have mentioned it today the issue the common thread that we've seen throughout most agencies that came before this body during the finance hearings was the issue of recruitment there are a number of positions that remain unfilled that there's been challenges along the way you know being able to identify and recruit talent it is not something that's unique to us in the Virgin Islands but it's that much more challenging when you live in an isolated region i believe the rand corporation did a study not too long ago funded by fema that advised us that we needed 5 000 5 000 new positions here in the virgin islands in order to adequately fund our recovery i'm talking about a recovery from 2017 hurricane so we have some tremendous hurdles ahead of us in terms of our ability to recruit and retain talent and it is my hope that this budget has made an attempt to to address that but we still must contend with the issue of developing specific strategies and and I guess that would be an executive branch to bring to recruit talent here to the territory to complete some of the critical needs that we need to have executed here in the territory on that note colleagues do i hear a motion senator francis you're recognized for your motion thank you very much mr chair mr chair and colleagues i move

0:55:17 that the items are 12 items in block number one and bill number 34-0302 bill number 34-0303 bill number 34-0304 bill number 34-0305 bill number 34-0306 bill number 34-0307 bill number 34-0308 bill number 34-0309 bill number 34-0310, bill number 34-0311, bill number 34-0312, bill number 34-0313, bill number 34-0314, be favorably moved from this committee of rules and judiciary and sent to the full session, full body for further consideration pursuant to rule number five one three a ten the closed rule i so move properly moved by senator francis seconded by senator bolquez hearing no objection Second, so ordered, roll call, it was properly moved by Senator Francis, seconded by Senator Bulkens. roll call.

0:57:08 The committee will stand in recess for two minutes. Let's get started. Thank you. Let's get started. Thank you. Let's go. We'll be right back. We'll be right back. We'll be right back. We'll be right back. We'll be right back. We'll be right back. I'll be right back. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. We'll be right back. Thank you. Thank you. Let's go. I'll be right back. Thank you. We'll be right back. Thank you. We'll be right back. Thank you. I love you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. I love you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. I love you. Thank you. good morning everyone the committee on rules and judiciary is back on the record

1:19:46 is there a motion is there a motion mr chair i move to withdraw the previous motion i so move Thank you very much. The motion is withdrawn. Seconded by Senator Bulquez. The motion is officially withdrawn. Is that motion? Motion. Senator Francis, you're recognized for your motion.

1:20:16 Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair and colleagues, I move that Bill No. 34-0302, 0-2, an act providing an appropriation from the General Front of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the operation of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, be approved by the Committee of Rules and Judiciary and sent to the full body for further consideration pursuant to Rule 513A10, the closed rule. I so move. Properly moved by Senator Francis, seconded by Senator Bolquez and Senator Joseph. Roll call on bill number 34-0302.

1:21:03 Senator Angel Bolquez, Jr. Senator Bolquez, yay. Senator Novel E. Francis, Jr. Senator Francis, yay. Senator Kenneth L. Gittins. Yes. Senator Gittins, yay. Senator Franklin D. Johnson, yay. Senator Johnson, yay. Senator Carla J. Joseph, yay. Senator Joseph, yay. Senator Milton E. Potter, yes. Senator Potter, yay. Senator Genevieve R. Whitaker, yay.

1:21:41 Senator Whitaker, yay. Mr. Chair, we have seven, yay. Thank you very much. Colleagues, Bill No. 34-0302, an act of providing an appropriation from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the operation of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023, has been approved by the Committee on Rules and Judiciary, utilizing the closed rule and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration. Do I have a motion? Senator Francis, you're recognized for your motion. Thank you very much.

1:22:24 Mr. Chairman, Mr. Chair and colleagues, I move that Bill No. 34-0303 an act providing an appropriation from the operation of the Judicial Branch of the Government of the Virgin Islands and the Judicial Council and the Office of the Territorial Public Defender during fiscal year october 1 2022 through september 30th 2023 be approved by the committee of rules and judiciary and sent to the full body for further consideration pursuant to rule 513a10 the closed rule i so move is there a second properly moved by senator francis seconded by senator bolquez Roll call on Bill No. 34-0303. Senator Angel Bolquez, Jr. Senator Bolquez, yav. Senator Novell E. Francis, Jr. Senator Francis, yav. Senator Kenneth L. Gittins.

1:23:26 Yes. Senator Gittins, yay. Senator Franklin D. Johnson. Yay. Senator Johnson, yay. Senator Carla J. Joseph Senator Joseph, yay Senator Milton E. Potter Senator Potter, yay Senator Genevieve R. Whitaker Senator Whitaker, yay Mr.

Chair, we have seven, yay Thank you very much Colleagues, Bill number 34-0303 An act providing an appropriation for the operation of the judicial branch of the government of the Virgin Islands The Judicial Council and the Office of the Territorial Public Defender during the fiscal year October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 has been approved by the Committee on Rules and Judiciary, utilizing a closed rule, and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration.

1:24:26 Do I have a motion? Motion. Senator Francis, you're recognized for your motion. Thank you very much, Mr. Chair, Mr. Chair and colleagues. I move that Bill number 34-0304, an act providing an appropriation for the legislature of the Virgin Islands for fiscal year October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 be approved by the Committee of Rules and Judiciary and sent forward to the full body for further consideration pursuant to rule five one three eight ten the closed rule i so move properly moved by senator francis seconded by senator bolquez roll call on bill number 34-0304 senator angel belquez jr senator bolquez year yay senator novelle e francis jr senator francis yay senator kenneth l gittins yes senator gittins yay senator franklin d johnson yay senator johnson yay senator carla j joseph senator joseph yay senator milton e potter yes senator potter yay senator genevieve r whitaker yay senator whitaker yay mr chair seven yay thank you very much colleagues bill number 34-0304 an act providing an appropriation for the operation of the legislature of the virgin islands for the fiscal year october 1 2022 to september 30 2023 has been approved by the committee on rules and judiciary utilizing the closed rule and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration is there a motion senator francis you recognize for your motion uh thank you very

1:26:22 much mr chair mr chair and colleagues i moved that bill number 34.0305 and are providing appropriation for salaries and expenses of the virginia's board of elections and the office of the supervisor of elections for fiscal year october 1 2022 through september 30th 2023 be approved by the committee of rules and judiciary and sent forward to the full body for further consideration pursuant to rule 513810 the closed rule i so move properly moved by senator francis seconded by senator bull cast roll call on bill number 34-0305 senator angel bolquez jr. senator bolquez yay senator novel e francis jr. senator francis yay senator kenneth l gittins yes senator gittins yay senator franklin d johnson yay senator johnson yay senator carla j joseph senator joseph yay senator milton e potter yes senator potter yay senator genevieve r whitaker yay senator whitaker yay mr chair seven yay thank you very much colleagues bill number 34-0305 an act providing an appropriation for salaries and expenses for the virgin islands board of elections and the office of the supervisor of elections for the fiscal year october 1st 2022 through september 30th 2023 has been favorably considered by the committee on rules and judiciary utilizing the closed rule and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration

1:28:09 do i have motion motion senator francis please proceed with your motion well thank you very much mr chair mr chair and colleagues i move that bill number 34.0306 an act providing an appropriation from the anti-litter and beautification fund to the versions waste management authority and the versions department public works for operating expenses during the fiscal year october 1 2022 through september 30th 2023 be approved by the committee of rules and judiciary and sent forward to the full body for further consideration pursuant to rule 513 a 10 the closed rule i so move is there a second a 10 513 a 10 Properly moved by Senator Francis, seconded by Senator Bolquez.

1:29:08 Roll call on Bill No. 34-0306. Senator Angel Bolquez, Jr.? Senator Bolquez, yay. Senator Novell E. Francis, Jr.? Senator Francis, yay. Senator Kenneth L. Gittins? Yes. Senator Gittins, yay. Senator Franklin D. Johnson? Yay.

1:29:34 Senator Johnson? Yay. Senator Carla J. Joseph? Senator Joseph? Yay. Senator Milton E. Potter? Yes. Senator Potter? Yay. Senator Genevieve R. Whitaker? Yay. Senator Whitaker? Yay. Mr. Chair, we have seven yay. Thank you very much, colleagues. Bill No. 34-0306, an act providing an appropriation from the Anti-Litter and Beautification Fund to the Waste Management Authority and the Department of Public Works for operating expenses during the fiscal year October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023, has been favorably approved by the Rules and Judiciary Committee, utilizing the closed rule, and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration.

1:30:27 do i have motion motion senator francis you're recognized for your motion thank you very much mr chair mr chair and colleagues i move that bill number 34 that's 0307 an act providing an appropriation for the salaries and expenses of the university of the versions for fiscal year october 1 2022 through september 30 2023 be approved by the committee of rules and judiciary and sent forward to the full body for further consideration pursuant to rule 513 a 10 the The closed rule, I so move.

1:31:00 Properly moved by Senator Francis, seconded by Senator Bolquez. Roll call on Bill No. 34-0307. Senator Angel Bolquez, Jr.? Senator Bolquez, yay. Senator Novel E. Francis, Jr.? Senator Francis, yay. Senator Kenneth L. Gittins? Senator Gittins not voting Senator Franklin D Johnson Senator Franklin D Johnson Senator Johnson did he say something he said yes Senator Johnson, yay. Senator Carla J. Joseph, Senator Joseph, yay. Senator Milton E. Potter, yes. Senator Potter, yay. Senator Genevieve R. Whitaker, yay.

- 1:32:00 Senator Whitaker, yay. Mr. Chair, we have six yay, one not voting. Mr. Chair, please record my vote as yes. I stepped away from the desk. If I'm not here, I'm absent. not to be recorded as not voting okay please record senator getting says yes okay mr chair we have seven yay thank you very much uh madam clerk colleagues uh bill number 34-0307 an act providing an appropriation for the salaries and expenses of the university of the virgin islands for the The fiscal year, October 1st, 2022, through September 30th, 2023, has been approved by the Committee on Rules and Judiciary, utilizing the closed rule, and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration. Do I have a motion? Motion. Senator Francis, you're recognized for your motion.
- 1:32:57 Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair and colleagues, I move that Bill No. 34-0308, an act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Board of Education from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 be approved by the Committee of Rules and Judiciary and sent to the full body for further consideration pursuant to Rule 513A-10, the closed rule. I so move.
- 1:33:29 Properly moved by Senator Francis. seconded by Senator Bolquez roll call on bill number 34-0308 Senator Angel Bolquez Jr. Senator Bolquez yay Senator Novell E. Francis Jr. Senator Francis yay Senator Kenneth L. Gittins yes Senator Gittins yay Senator Franklin D. Johnson Yay.
- 1:34:03 Senator Johnson, yay. Senator Carla J. Joseph, yay. Senator Joseph, yay. Senator Milton E. Potter, yes. Senator Potter, yay. Senator Genevieve R. Whitaker, yay. Senator Whitaker, yay. Mr. Chair, we have seven yay. Thank you very much, Madam Clerk. colleagues bill number 34-0308 an act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the virgin islands board of education from the general fund of the treasury of the virgin islands during the fiscal year october 1st 2022 through september 30th 2023 has been favorably considered by the committee on rules and judiciary utilizing the closed rule and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration do i have motion senator bulkers you are recognized for your motion please recognize senator bull cares is mike thank you mr chair i rise to move bill number three four dash zero three zero nine and not providing an appropriation for the business and commercial properties revolving fund of the virgin islands department of property and procurement for operating expenses for the fiscal year october 1st 2022 through september 30th 2023 be approved by this committee of rules and judiciary and forwarded to the full body under a closed rule pursuant to rule number 513 subsection a item 10 for further consideration i so move properly moved by senator bolquez seconded by senator francis and senator joseph roll call on bill number 34-0309 senator angel bolcas jr yeah senator bolcas yay
- 1:35:58 senator novelle e francis jr senator francis yay senator kenneth l gittins yes senator gittins yay Senator Franklin D. Johnson? Yay. Senator Johnson? Yay. Senator Carla J. Joseph? Yay. Senator Joseph? Yay. Senator Milton E. Potter? Yes. Senator Potter? Yay.
- 1:36:25 Senator Genevieve R. Whitaker? Yay. Senator Whitaker? Yay. Mr. Chair, seven, yay. Thank you very much. I'm Adam Clark. colleagues bill number 34-0309 an act providing an appropriation from the business and commercial properties revolving fund to the virgin islands department of property and procurement for operating expenses for the fiscal year october 1st 2022 through september 30th 2023 has been favorably considered by the committee on rules and judiciary utilizing the closed rule and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration is there motion motion senator bolquez you are recognized for your motion mr chair i rise to move bill number three four zero three one zero an act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the virgin islands career and technical education board for the from the general front of the treasury of the government of the virgin islands during fiscal year october 1st 2022 through September 30, 2023, be approved by this Committee of Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body under a closed rule pursuant to Rule No. 513, Subsection A, Item 10, for further consideration. I so move.
- 1:37:46 Properly moved by Senator Bolquez, seconded by Senators Francis and Joseph. Rule call on Bill Bill number 34-0310. Senator Angel Bolquez, Jr. Yay. Senator Novell E. Francis, Jr. Oh, I'm sorry. Senator Bolquez, yay. Senator Novell E. Francis, Jr. Yay. Senator Francis, yay. Senator Kenneth L. Gittins.
- 1:38:21 Yes. Senator Gittins, yay. Senator Franklin D. Johnson? Yay. Senator Johnson, yay. Senator Carla J. Joseph? Yay. Senator Joseph, yay. Senator Milton E. Potter? Yes. Senator Potter, yay. Senator Genevieve R. Whitaker? Yay. Senator Whitaker, yay. Mr. Chair, we have seven yay. Thank you very much, colleagues. Bill No. 34-0310, an act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Career and Technical Education Board from the General Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023, has been approved by the Committee on Rules and Judiciary utilizing the closed rule and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration.

- 1:39:19 Do I hear a motion, colleagues? Motion. Senator Bulkes, you are recognized for your motion. Mr. Chair, I rise to move Bill No. 34-0311, an act providing an appropriation for the Caribbean Basin Initiative Fund as a contribution to the General Fund of the Treasury of the Virgin Islands for fiscal year October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, be approved by the Committee of Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body under a closed rule pursuant to Rule No. 513, Subsection A, Item 10. For further consideration, I so move. Properly moved by Senator Bolquez, seconded by Senators Francis and Joseph. Roll call on Bill No. 34-0311. Senator Angel Bolquez, Jr.?
- 1:40:08 Yay. Senator Bolquez, yay. Senator Novell E. Francis, Jr.? Senator Francis, yay. Senator Kenneth L. Gittins? Yes. Senator Gittins, yay. Senator Franklin D. Johnson? Yay. Senator Johnson, yay. Senator Carla J. Joseph? Yes.
- 1:40:34 Senator Joseph, yay. Senator Milton E. Potter? Yes. Senator Potter, yay. Senator Genevieve R. Whitaker, yay. Senator Whitaker, yay. Mr. Chair, we have seven, yay. Thank you very much, colleagues. Bill number 34-0311, an act providing an appropriation from the Caribbean Basement Initiative Fund, Caribbean Basin Initiative Fund, as a contribution to the general fund of the Treasury of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023, has been favorably considered by the Committee on Rules and Judiciary, and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration. Do I have a motion?
- 1:41:25 Motion. Senator Bulkes, you are recognized for your motion. Mr. Chair, I rise to move Bill No. 340312, an act providing an appropriation from the Government Insurance Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the Department of Labor and the Department of Finance for operating expenses during fiscal year October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, be approved by the Committee of Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body under a closed rule pursuant to Rule No. 513, Subsection A, Item 10. For further consideration, I so move. Properly moved by Senator Bolquez, seconded by Senator Francis and Senator Joseph, roll call on Bill No. 34-0312. Senator Angel Bolquez, Jr.?
- 1:42:13 Yay. Senator Bolquez, yay. Senator Novell E. Francis, Jr.? Senator Francis, yay. Senator Kenneth L. Gittins? Yes. Senator Gittins, yay. Senator Franklin D. Johnson? Yay. Senator Johnson, yay. Senator Carla J. Joseph? Senator Joseph, yay. Senator Milton E. Potter? Yes.
- 1:42:39 Senator Potter, yay. Senator Genevieve R. Whitaker? Yay. Senator Whitaker, yay. Mr. Chair, there are seven yays. Thank you very much, colleagues. Bill number 34-0312, an act providing an appropriation from the Government Insurance Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the Department of Labor and the Department of Finance for operating expenses during fiscal year October 1st, 2022 to September 30th, 2023, has been approved by the Committee on Rules and Judiciary utilizing the closed rule and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration. Is there a motion? Motion. Senator Bolquez, you are recognized for your motion.
- 1:43:26 Mr. Chair, I rise to move Bill No. 340313, an act providing for a lump sum appropriation from the Health Revolving Fund to the Virgin Islands Department of Health for fiscal year October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, be approved by the Committee of Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body under a closed rule pursuant to Rule No. 513, Subsection A, Item 10. For further consideration, I so move. Properly moved by Senator Bolquez, seconded by Senators Francis and Senator Joseph. Roll call on Bill No. 34-0313.
- 1:44:04 Senator Angel Bolquez, Jr. Senator Bolquez, yay. Senator Novell E. Francis, Jr. Senator Francis, yay. Senator Kenneth L. Gittins, yes. Senator Gittins, yay. Senator Franklin D. Johnson, yay. Senator Johnson, yay. Senator Carla J. Joseph?
- 1:44:37 Yes. Senator Joseph? Yay. Senator Milton E. Potter? Yes. Senator Potter? Yay. Senator Genevieve R. Whitaker? Yay. Senator Whitaker? Yay. Mr. Chair, we have seven. Yay. Thank you very much. Colleagues, Bill number 34-0313, an act providing for the lump sum appropriation from the Health Revolving Fund to the Virgin Islands Department of Health for fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023 has been favorably considered by the Committee on Rules and Judiciary utilizing the closed rule and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration. Do I hear motion? Motion. Senator Borges, you are recognized for your motion. Mr. Chair, I rise to move bill number 340314 and that okay we've completed senator bolquez we actually completed block one i know we were in a rhythm so we were we were in a flow okay so we're gonna we're gonna move to block two i'm gonna ask madam clerk can you please read the agenda the committee in on on Rules and Judiciary stands in recess for one minute.
- 1:46:27 We'll be right back. Thank you. I love you Thank you. I love you We'll be right back. Thank you. Thank you. We'll be right back. We'll be right back. Thank you. Thank you. I love you Thank you. Colleagues, the Committee on Rules and Judiciary is back on the record.
- 1:53:57 We are moving to block number two. Madam Clerk, can you please read the agenda for block two? In block two, bill number 34-0314, an act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Hospital and Health Facilities Corporation from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year October 1st, 2022, through September 30th, 2023. Proposed by Senators Donna A. Fred Gregory and Curt A. Viale by

request of the Governor.

- 1:54:44 Bill number 34-0315, an act providing for a lump sum appropriation from the Indirect Cost Fund for operating expenses of the Office of Management and Budget, the Virgin Islands Division of Personnel, the Virgin Islands Department of Property and Procurement, and the Virgin Islands Department of Finance for the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023. proposed by Senators Donna A. Fred Gregory and Curt A. Viale by request of the Governor. Bill number 34-0316, an act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Office of the Inspector General from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year October 1st, 2022, through September 30th, 2023, proposed by Senators Donna A. Fred Gregory and Curt A. Viale by request of the Governor. Bill number 34-0318, an act providing an appropriation from the Virgin Islands Lottery as a contribution to the general fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023, proposed by Senators Donna A. Fred Gregory and Kurt A. Viale by request of the governor. Bill number 34-0319, an act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Public Employees Relations Board and the Virgin Islands Labor Management Committee for the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023, proposed by Senators Donna A. Fred Gregory and Curt A. VLA by request of the Governor. Bill number 34-0320, an act providing an appropriation for operating expenses
- 1:57:26 of the Waste Management Authority from the Sewer Waste Water Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023. Proposed by Senators Donna A. Fred Gregory and Curt A. VLA by request of the governor. Bill number 34-30321, an act providing an appropriation to the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission for the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023, proposed by Senators Donna A. Fred Gregory and Kurt A. Viale by request of the governor. Bill number 34-0322, an act providing an appropriation from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund to the Office of the Governor, Virgin Islands Police Department, the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works, the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority, the Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture, and the Virgin Islands Department of Tourism for the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023. Proposed by Senators Donna A. Fred Gregory and Kurt A. Viale by request of the Governor. Bill number 34-0323, an act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023, proposed by Senators Donna A. Fred Gregory and Curt A. Viale by request of the Governor. Bill number 34-0324, an act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission for the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through
- 1:59:59 September 30th, 2023, proposed by Senators Donna A. Fred Gregory and Kurt A. Viale by request of the governor. Bill number 34-0325, an act providing an appropriation from the general fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Board of Nurse Licensure for the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023, proposed by Senators Donna A. Fred Gregory and Kurt A. Viale by request of the governor. And finally, in Block 2, Bill No. 34-0326, an act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Bureau of Motor Vehicles from the Transportation Trust Fund during the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023. Proposed by Senators Donna A. Fred Gregory and Kurt A. Viale by request of the Governor. This concludes the reading of Block 2, Mr. Chair.
- 2:01:26 Thank you very much, Madam Clerk. Colleagues, do I hear a motion? Senator Bulquez, you are recognized for your motion. Mr. Chair, I move that Bill number 340314, an act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Hospital and Health Facilities Corporation from the General Front of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023, be approved by the Committee of Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body under a closed rule pursuant to Rule No. 513, Subsection A, Item 10. For further consideration, I so move.
- 2:02:12 Probably moved by Senator Bulquez, seconded by Senator Joseph. Roll call on Bill No. 34- Objection. Objection. Senator Gittins, you're recognized for your objection? So there's no discussion on Block 2, is what we're saying? Just to be clear? Yes, Senator, there wasn't a discussion on Block 1.
- 2:02:48 Yeah, we had a two-minute discussion on Block 1. I'm asking if we're foregoing any discussions in Block 2. Yeah. The way that we did it, we had a general discussion, a general overview. We gave every member of the committee an opportunity to give their general overview. We didn't discuss the individual bills in Block 1 necessarily. So the anticipation or the expectation of the chair was that that would have covered the entire agenda for today. Block 1, 2?
- 2:03:23 Yes. Communication is key. Thank you, Mr. Chair. You're welcome, Senator. Senator Bulquez, you may proceed. It was seconded, Chair. It was already moved and seconded. Roll call on Bill number 34-0314. Senator Angel Bulquez, Jr.

- 2:03:53 Senator Bulkesh, yay. Senator Novell E. Francis, Jr. Senator Francis, yay. Senator Kenneth L. Gittins. Yes. Senator Gittins, yay. Senator Franklin D. Johnson. Yay. Senator Johnson, yay. Senator Carla J. Joseph. Yes. Senator Joseph, yay. Senator Milton E. Potter Yes Senator Potter, yay Senator Genevieve R. Whitaker Yay Senator Whitaker, yay Mr. Chair, we have seven, yay Thank you very much, colleagues Bill number 34-0314 An Act of Providing and Appropriation For the Operating Expenses Of the Virgin Islands Hospital And Health Facilities Corporation From the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023 has been favorably considered by the Committee on Rules and Judiciary utilizing the closed rule and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration.
- 2:05:12 Do I have motion? Motion. Senator Bolkes, you are recognized for your motion. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move that bill number 34-0315, an act providing for a lump sum appropriation for the indirect cost fund for operating expenses to the Office of Management and Budget and the Virgin Islands Division of Personnel, the Virgin Islands Department of Property and Procurement, and the Virgin Islands Department of Finance for the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023, be approved by the Committee of Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body under a closed rule pursuant to Rule No. 513, Subsection A, Item 10. For further consideration, I so move.
- 2:05:57 Properly moved by Senator Bolquez, seconded by Senator Francis and Senator Joseph. Rule call on Bill No. 34-0315. Senator Angel Bolquez, Jr.? Yay. Senator Bolquez, yay. Senator Novell E. Francis, Jr. Senator Francis, yay. Senator Kenneth L. Gittins, yay. Senator Gittins, yay. Senator Franklin D. Johnson, yay. Senator Johnson, yay. Senator Johnson, yay. Senator Carla J. Joseph, yay. Senator Joseph, yay. Senator Milton E. Potter?
- 2:06:44 Yes. Senator Potter? Yay. Senator Genevieve R. Whitaker? Yay. Senator Whitaker? Yay. Mr. Chair, we have seven. Yay. Thank you very much, Madam Clerk. Colleagues, Bill No. 34-0315, an act providing for the lump sum appropriation from the indirect cost fund for salaries, operating expenses, and other purposes of the Office of Management and Budget, the Division of Personnel, the Department of Property and Procurement, and the Department of Finance for the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023, has been favorably considered by the Committee on Rules and Judiciary utilizing the closed rule and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration.
- 2:07:35 Colleagues, do I have a motion? Motion. Senator Bolkes, you are recognized for your motion. Mr. Chair, I move that Bill No. 34-0316, an act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Office of the Inspector General from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for fiscal year October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, be approved by the Committee of Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body under a closed rule pursuant to Rule No. 513, Subsection A, Item 10. For further consideration, I so move.
- 2:08:12 Properly moved by Senator Bolkis, seconded by Senator Francis. Roll call on Bill No. 34-0316. Senator Angel Bolkis, Jr.? Yay. Senator Bolkis, yay. Senator Novell E. Francis, Jr.? Yay. Senator Francis, yay. Senator Kenneth L. Gittins? Yes. Senator Gittins, yay. Senator Franklin D. Johnson?
- 2:08:43 Yay. Senator Johnson, yay. Senator Carla J. Joseph? Yes. Senator Joseph, yay. Senator Milton E. Potter? Yes. Senator Potter, yay. Senator Genevieve R. Whitaker? Yay. Senator Whitaker, yay. Mr. Chair, we have seven. Yay. Thank you very much. Colleagues, Bill number 34-0316, an act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Office of the Inspector General from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year, October 1st, 2022, through September 30th, 2023, has been favorably considered by the Committee on Rules and Judiciary, utilizing the closed rule, and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration. Do I have a motion?
- 2:09:38 Motion. Senator Bulquez, you may proceed with your motion. Mr. Chair, I move that Bill No. 34-0318, an act providing an appropriation from the Virgin Islands Lottery as a contribution to the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands, for fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023 be approved by the Committee of Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body under a closed rule pursuant to Rule No. 513, Subsection A, Item 10. For further consideration, I so move. Probably moved by Senator Bolquez, seconded by Senator Francis. Rule call on Bill No. 34-0318. Senator Angel Bolquez, Jr. Senator Bolquez, yay Senator Novell E.
- 2:10:30 Francis, Jr. Senator Francis, yay Senator Kenneth L. Gittins Senator Gittins, yay Senator Franklin D. Johnson Senator Johnson, yay Senator Carla J. Joseph Senator Joseph, yay Senator Milton E. Potter Yes. Senator Potter, yay. Senator Genevieve R. Whitaker, yay. Senator Whitaker, yay. Mr. Chair, we have seven, yay. Thank you very much, colleagues. Bill number 34-0318, an act providing an appropriation from the Virgin Islands lottery as a contribution to the general fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for fiscal year October 1st, 2022, through September 30th, 2023 has been favorably considered by the Committee on Rules and Judiciary utilizing the closed rule and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration.

- 2:11:32 Do I have a motion? Motion. Senator Bulkes, you are recognized for your motion. Mr. Chair, I move that Bill No. 34-0319, an act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Public Employees Relations Board and the Virgin Islands Labor Management Committee for fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023 be approved by the Committee of Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body under a closed rule pursuant to rule number 513, subsection A, item 10. For further consideration, I so move. Properly moved by Senator Bolquez, seconded by Senator Francis and Senator Joseph roll call on bill number 34-0319 senator angel bolquez jr yay senator bolquez yay senator nobel e francis jr senator francis yay senator kenneth l gittins yes senator gittins yay senator franklin d johnson yay senator johnson yay senator carla j joseph senator joseph yay senator milton e potter yes senator potter yay senator genevieve r whitaker yay senator whitaker yay mr chair we have seven yay thank you very much colleagues bill number 34-0319 an act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the public employees relations board and virgin islands labor management committee for the fiscal year october 1st 2022 to september 30th 2023 has been approved by the committee on rules and judiciary utilizing the closed rule and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration Do I have a motion? Motion. Senator Boulkes, you are recognized for your motion.
- 2:13:35 Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move that Bill No. 34-0320, an act providing an appropriation for operating expenses of the Waste Management Authority from the Sewer Wastewater Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands for fiscal year October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, be approved by the Committee of Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body under a closed rule pursuant to Rule No. 513, Subsection A, Item 10. For further consideration, I so move.
- 2:14:05 Properly moved by Senator Bolquez, seconded by Senator Francis and Senator Joseph. Roll call on Bill No. 34-0320. Senator Angel Bolquez, Jr.? Yay. Senator Bolquez, yay. Senator Novell E. Francis, Jr.? Senator Francis, yay. Senator Kenneth L. Gittins? Yes.
- 2:14:31 Senator Gittins, yay. Senator Franklin D. Johnson? Senator Johnson? Yay. Senator Johnson? Yay. Yay. Senator Johnson, yay. Senator Carla J. Joseph? Yes. Senator Joseph, yay. Senator Milton E. Potter, yes. Senator Potter, yay. Senator Genevieve R. Whitaker, yay. Senator Whitaker, yay. Mr. Chair, seven, yay.
- 2:15:05 Thank you very much, colleagues. Bill number 34-0320, an act providing an appropriation for operating expenses of the Waste Management Authority from the Sewer Wastewater Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023 has been approved by the Committee on Rules and Judiciary utilizing the closed rule and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration. Do I have a motion? Motion. Senator Bolquez, you are recognized for your motion.
- 2:15:42 Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move that Bill No. 34-0321, an act providing an appropriation to the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission for fiscal year October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, be approved by the Committee of Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body under a closed rule pursuant to Rule No. 513, Subsection A, Item 10. For further consideration, I so move. Properly moved by Senator Bolquez, seconded by Senator Francis and Senator Joseph. Rule call on Bill No. 34-0321. Senator Angel Balquez, Jr.?
- 2:16:20 Yay. Senator Balquez, yay. Senator Novell E. Francis, Jr.? Yay. Senator Francis, yay. Senator Kenneth L. Gittins? No. Senator Gittins, nay. Senator Franklin D. Johnson? Yay. Senator Johnson, yay. Senator Carla J. Joseph, yes. Senator Joseph, yay. Senator Milton E. Potter, yes. Senator Potter, yay. Senator Genevieve R. Whitaker, yes. Senator Whitaker, yes. Senator Whitaker, yay. Mr. Chair, we have six yay, one nay. Thank you very much. Colleagues, Bill number 34-0321, an act providing an appropriation to the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission for the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023, has been favorably considered by the Committee on Rules and Judiciary, utilizing a closed rule, and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration.
- 2:17:37 Do I have a motion? Motion. Senator Boulkes, you are recognized for your motion. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move that Bill No. 34-0322, an act providing an appropriation from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund to the Office of the Governor, Virgin Islands Police Department, the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works, the virgin islands waste management authority the virgin islands department of agriculture and the virgin islands department of tourism for fiscal year october 1st 2022 through september 30th 2023 be approved by the committee of rules and judiciary and forwarded to the full body under a closed rule pursuant to rule number 513 subsection a item 10 for further consideration i so move properly moved by senator bolquez seconded by senator francis and senator joseph roll call on bill number 34-0322 senator angel bolquez jr senator bolquez yay senator novelle e francis jr senator francis yay senator kenneth l gitans yes senator gitans yay senator franklin d johnson Yay.
- 2:18:50 Senator Johnson, yay. Senator Carla J. Joseph? Yes. Senator Joseph, yay. Senator Milton E. Potter? Yes. Senator Potter, yay. Senator Genevieve R. Whitaker? Yay. Senator Whitaker, yay. Mr. Chair, we have seven, yay. Thank you very much. Colleagues, Bill number 34-0322, An act providing an appropriation from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund to

the Office of the Governor, the Virgin Islands Police Department, the Department of Public Works, the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority, the Department of Agriculture, and the Virgin Islands Department of Tourism for the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023 has been favorably considered by the Committee on Rules and Judiciary utilizing the closed rule and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration.

2 : 19 : 50 Do I have a motion? Motion. Senator Boquez, you are recognized for your motion. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move that Bill No. 34-0323, an act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands, during fiscal year October 1st through September 30th, 2023, be approved by the Committee of Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body under a closed rule pursuant to rule number 513 subsection a item 10 for further consideration i so move properly moved by senator bolquez seconded by senator francis roll call on bill number 34-0322 senator angel bolquez jr senator bolquez yay senator novelle e francis jr Senator Francis, yay Senator Kenneth L. Gittins Yes, 3-2-3 Yay, Senator Gittins, yay Senator Franklin D. Johnson Yay Senator Johnson, yay Senator Carla J. Joseph Senator Joseph, yay Senator Milton E. Potter Yes. Senator Potter, yay. Senator Genevieve R. Whitaker, yay. Senator Whitaker, yay. Mr. Chair, 7, yay.

2 : 21 : 23 Thank you very much. Colleagues, Bill number 34-0323, an act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year, October 1st, 2022, through September 30th, 2023, has been favorably considered by the Committee on Rules and Judiciary, utilizing the closed rule, and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration. Motion.

2 : 21 : 58 Senator Balquez, you're recognized for your motion. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move that Bill No. 34-0324, an act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission for fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023 be approved by the Committee of Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body under a closed rule pursuant to Rule No. 513, Subsection A, Item 10. For further consideration, I so move. Probably moved by Senator Bolquez, seconded by Senator Francis and Senator Joseph. Roll call on bill number 34.0324 senator angel bolquez jr yeah senator bolquez yay senator novelle e francis jr senator francis yay senator kenneth l gittins yes senator gittins yay senator franklin d johnson yay senator johnson yay senator carla j joseph senator joseph yay senator milton e potter yes senator potter yay senator genevieve r whitaker yay senator whitaker yay mr chair we have seven yay thank you very much madam clerk colleagues bill number 34 that's 0324 an act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission for the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023 has been favorably considered by the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and will be utilizing the closed rule and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration.

2 : 23 : 54 Motion. Senator Balquez, you're recognized for your motion. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chai, I move that Bill No. 34-0325, an act providing an appropriation from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Board of Nurse Licensure for fiscal year October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, be approved by the Committee of Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body under a closed rule pursuant to Rule No. 513, subsection A, item 10, for further consideration, I so move.

2 : 24 : 31 Properly moved by Senator Bolquez, seconded by Senator Francis and Senator Joseph. Roll call on bill number 34-0325. Senator Angel Bolquez, Jr.? Yay. Senator Bolquez, yay. Senator Novell E. Francis, Jr.? Yay. Senator Francis, yay. Senator Kenneth L. Gittins? Yes. Senator Gittins, yay. Senator Franklin D. Johnson?

2 : 25 : 02 Senator Johnson? Yay. Senator Johnson, yay. Senator Carla J. Joseph? Yes. Senator Joseph, yay. Senator Milton E. Potter? Yes. Senator Potter, yay. Senator Genevieve R. Whitaker? Yay. Senator Whitaker, yay. Mr. Chair, we have seven, yay. Thank you very much Madam Clerk. Colleagues, Bill number 34-0325, an act providing an appropriation from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Board of Nurse Licensure for the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023, has been favorably considered by the Committee on Rules and Judiciary utilizing the closed rule and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration. The Committee on Rules and Judiciary will take a very brief recess for two minutes. Thank you. We'll be right back. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. We'll be right back. We'll be right back. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. We'll be right back. Thank you. Thank you. We'll be right back. Thank you.

2 : 35 : 25 See you next time. Committee on Rules and Judiciary is back on the record.

2 : 36 : 08 Do I hear a motion at this time? Senator Bulkes, you are recognized for your motion. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, I move Bill 34-0326, an act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Bureau of Motor Vehicles from the Transportation Trust Fund during the fiscal year of October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023,

be approved by the Committee of Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body under a closed rule pursuant to Rule No. 513, Subsection A, Item 10. For further consideration, I so move. Probably moved by Senator Bulquez, seconded by Senator Francis.

2:36:51 Rule call on Bill No. 34-0326. Senator Angel Bocas, Jr. Yes. Senator Bocas, yay. Senator Novell E. Francis, Jr. Yes. Senator Francis, yay. Senator Kenneth L. Gittins. Yes. Senator Gittins, yay. Senator Franklin D. Johnson. Senator Johnson. Senator Johnson, absent. I say yay two times.

2:37:26 Yeah, sorry, didn't hear you. Senator Johnson, yay. Senator Carla J. Joseph. Yes. Senator Joseph, yay. Senator Milton E. Potter. Yes. Senator Potter, yay. Senator Genevieve R. Whitaker. Yay. Senator Whitaker, yay. Mr. Chair, we have seven yay. Thank you very much. Colleagues, Bill number 34-0326, an act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Bureau of Motor Vehicles from the Transportation Trust Fund during the fiscal year, October 1st, 2022, through September 30th, 2023, has been favorably considered by the Committee on Rules and Judiciary, utilizing the closed rule, and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration.

2:38:18 Colleagues, we have completed Blocks 1 and Blocks 2. We will take a brief recess for 15 minutes. Committee on Rules and Judiciary stands in recess for 15 minutes. We'll be right back. We'll be right back. Thank you. We'll be right back. We'll be right back. Thank you. I'll be right back. Thank you. Thank you. We'll be right back. Thank you. We'll be right back. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Let's go. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. I love you Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. We'll be right back. We'll be right back. Thank you. We'll be right back. Thank you. We'll be right back. Thank you. We'll be right back. We'll be right back. Let's go Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Let's get started. We'll be right back. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. We'll be right back. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. We'll see you next time. . Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. I love you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Let's get started. Thank you. We'll be right back. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Let's go. Thank you. I'll see you next time We'll be right back. We'll be right back. We'll be right back. We'll be right back. We'll be right back. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. We'll be right back. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. We'll be right back. Thank you. We'll be right back.

3:30:48 good afternoon once again colleagues the committee on rules and judiciary is back on the record we're now moving into block three uh madam clerk can you please read block three into the record uh yes mr chair block three begins with bill number 34-0327 an act providing an appropriation for the sum of six million dollars from the virgin islands insurance guarantee fund as a contribution to the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023, proposed by Senators Donna A. Fred Gregory and Curt A. Viale by request of the Governor. Bill number 34-0328, an act amending Title 22 Virgin Islands Code, Chapter 10, Section 237A, 3A, and Title 33, Chapter 111, Section 3061, relating to the balance in the Virgin Islands Insurance Guarantee Fund to amend the currently required 40 million amount, which is set to increase to 50 million on September 30th,

3:32:37 2022, proposed by Senators Donna A. Fred Gregory and Kurt A. Vile by request of the Governor. Bill number 34-0329, an act providing an appropriation from the Crisis Intervention Fund for the fiscal year of October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023, proposed by Senators Donna A. Fred Gregory and Curt A. Viala by request of the governor.

3:33:13 Bill number 34-0332, an act appropriating \$570,000 from the St. John's Capital Improvement Fund to the Virgin Islands Port Authority to complete repairs and construction at the Lord and Lawrence Boyne's Senior Dock on the island of St. John, proposed by Senators Donna A. Fred Gregory, Kurt Ville, and Marvin A. Blyden.

3:33:48 bill number 34-0333 an act appropriating funds from the virgin islands lottery in fiscal year 2022 to the government employees retirement system for bonus pay shortfalls from fiscal years 2021 and 2022, proposed by Senator Donna A. Fred Gregory, Janelle K. Saro, and Marvin A. Blyden. Bill number 34-0334, an act appropriating funds from the General Fund in fiscal year 2022 to the University of the Virgin Islands for the purpose of paying retroactive merit increase to employees who separated from the university during the period of January 1st, 1992 through December 31st, 1998, proposed by Senators Donna A. Fred Gregory, Novell E. Francis Jr., and Kurt Viallet.

3:35:03 Bill number 340335, an act reconciling acts number 8474 and 8590 and making various appropriations available until September 30th, 2023, making a correction to Act No. 8578 and amending Act No. 8496, appropriating additional funds to the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority. Proposed by Senators Kurt Viallet, Donna A. Fred Gregory, Dwayne M. DeGraff, Novell E. Francis, Jr. Bill number 34-0336, an act amending Title 18, Virgin Islands Code Chapter 7, Section 158, to increase the compensation of election officers and clerks. Sponsored by Senators Kenneth L. Gittins and

Senator Kurt Ville. Bill number 34-0337, an act appropriating the sum of \$679,250 from the St. Croix Capital Improvement Fund to the Virgin Islands Port Authority to be used for the resurfacing of the Gordon Finch Molasses Pier facility sponsored by Senator Novel E. Francis Jr., Marvin A. Blyden, and Janelle K. Saru. Bill number 34-0339

3:37:03 2339, an act authorizing the Department of Property and Procurement to set aside a portion of Parcel F, Submarine Base No. 6, South Quarter St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, 4, the Office of Veterans Affairs for the construction of a Veterans Multipurpose Center and appropriating a total of \$1,500,000 for construction completion. Sponsored by Senators Dwayne M. DeGraff, Donna A. Fred Gregory, Kurt Violet, Janelle K. Saru, and Marvin A. Blyden. And finally in Block 3, Bill No. 34-0294, an act amending Act 8474 to adjust the fiscal year 2022 budget to appropriate funds to USVI Soccer Inc. as a grant for additional improvements to the professional soccer field at Plot 23-I Estate, Bethlehem-St. Croix, Virgin Islands, to add coverings for the bleachers and a new parking lot sponsored by Senators Franklin D. Johnson, Kurt A. Violet, Janelle K. Saru, and Marvin A. Blyden. This concludes the reading of the agenda for today, Mr. Chair. Thank you very much, Madam Clerk.

3:39:01 Colleagues, we're going to move quickly into Block No. 3. um do i hear a motion at this time senator joseph you're recognized for your motion motion mr chairman mr chairman thank you i move that bill number 34-0327 an act providing an appropriation for the sum of six million dollars from the virgin islands insurance guarantee fund as a contribution to the general fund of the treasury of the government of the virgin islands for the fiscal year october 1st 2022 through september 30th 2023 be favorably voted upon in the committee on rules and judiciary and reported out to the full body for further action and consideration pursuant to the closed rule 513 subsection a item 10 iso move Properly moved by Senator Joseph, seconded by Senator Bulkes. Roll call on bill number 34-0327.

3:40:12 Senator Angel Bulkes, Jr. Senator Bulkes, yay. Senator Novell E. Francis, Jr. Senator Francis, yay. Senator Kenneth L. Gittins. gittins yes senator gittins yay senator franklin d johnson yay senator johnson yay senator carla j joseph senator joseph yay senator milton e potter yes senator potter yay senator genevieve r whitaker yay senator whitaker yay mr chair we have seven yay thank you very much colleagues bill number 34-0327 an act providing an appropriation for the sum of six million dollars from the virgin islands insurance guarantee fund as a contribution to the general fund of the treasury of the government of the virgin islands for the fiscal year october 1st 2022 through september 30th 2023 has been favorably considered by the committee on rules and judiciary utilizing the closed rule and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration do i have motion senator joseph you're recognized for your motion thank you so kindly mr chairman mr chairman and colleagues i move that bill number 34.0328 an amendment an act amending title 22 virgin Islands Code, Chapter 10, Section 237A3A and Title 33, Chapter 111, Section 3061, relating to the balance in the Virgin Islands Insurance Guarantee Fund to amend the currently required \$40 million dollar amount which is set to increase to 50 million dollars on september 30th 2022 be favorably voted upon in the committee on rules and judiciary and reported out to the full body for further consideration and action pursuant to the closed rule 513 subsection a item 10 iso move properly moved by senator joseph seconded by senator bolquez and senator francis roll

3:42:50 call on bill number 34-0328 senator angel bolquez jr senator bolquez um yay uh yay Senator Nobel E. Francis Jr. Senator Francis, yay. Senator Kenneth L. Gittins, yes. Senator Gittins, yay. Senator Franklin D. Johnson, yay. Senator Johnson, yay. Senator Carla J. Joseph, yes.

3:43:24 Senator Joseph, yay. Senator Milton E. Potter, yes. Senator Potter, yay. Senator Genevieve R. Whitaker, yay senator whitaker yay mr chair seven yay thank you very much colleagues bill number 34-0328 an act amending title 22 virgin islands code chapter 10 sections 237a 3a and title 33 chapter 111 section zero section 3061 relating to the balance in the virgin islands insurance guarantee fund to amend the currently required 40 million dollar amount which is set to increase to 50 million dollars on september 30th 2022 has been favorably considered by the committee on rules and judiciary utilizing a closed rule and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration is there a motion motion senator joseph you're recognized for your motion thank you so kindly Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman and colleagues, I move that Bill 34.0329, an act providing an appropriation from the Crisis Intervention Fund for the fiscal year October 1st 2022 through September 30th, 2023, be voted upon favorably in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and reported out to the full body for further consideration and action pursuant to the closed rule 513 subsection a item 10 iso move probably moved by senator joseph seconded by senator francis and senator bolquez roll call on bill number 34-0329 senator angel boquez jr

3:45:24 senator boquez yay senator novell e francis jr senator francis yay senator kenneth l gittins yes senator gittins yay senator franklin d johnson yay senator johnson yay senator carla j joseph senator joseph yay senator milton e potter yes senator potter yay senator genevieve r whitaker yay senator whitaker yay mr chair we have seven yay thank you very much madam clerk colleagues bill number 34-0329 an act providing an appropriation from the crisis intervention fund for the fiscal year october 1st 2022 through september 30th 2023 has been favorably considered by the committee on rules and

judiciary utilizing the closed rule and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration do i a motion motion senator joseph you recognized for your motion thank you so much mr chairman mr chairman and colleagues i move that bill number 34-0333 an act appropriating funds i'm sorry i moved that bill number 34-0332 an act appropriating 570 000 from the st john capital improvement fund to the virgin islands port authority to complete repairs and construction at the lorden lawrence boynes senior doc on the island of saint john be favorably voted upon in the committee on rules and judiciary and reported out to the full body for further consideration and action pursuant to the close rule 513 subsection a item 10 iso move properly moved by senator joseph seconded by senator francis and senator bouquez roll call on bill number 34-0332

3:47:40 senator angel bouquez jr senator bouquez yay senator nouvelle e francis jr senator francis yay senator kenneth l gittins yes senator gittins yay senator franklin d johnson yay senator johnson yay senator carla j joseph yes senator joseph yay senator milton e potter yes senator potter yay senator genevieve r whitaker yay senator whitaker yay mr chair we have seven yay thank you very much madam clerk colleagues bill number 34-0332 an act appropriating \$570,000 from the St. John Capital Improvement Fund to the Virgin Islands Port Authority to complete repairs and construction at the Lorden Lawrence Boynes Senior Dock on the island of St. John has been favorably considered by the Committee on Rules and Judiciary utilizing the closed rule and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration. Do I have motion? Motion. Senator Joseph, you're recognized for your motion.

3:48:56 Thank you so much, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman and colleagues, I move that Bill number 34-0333 and act appropriating funds from the Virgin Islands Lottery in fiscal year 2022 to the government employees retirement system for bonus pay shortfalls from fiscal years 2021 and 2022. be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and reported out to the full body for further action and consideration pursuant to the Closed Rule 513, Subsection A, Item 10. I so move.

3:49:39 Properly moved by Senator Joseph, seconded by Senator Francis and Senator Bulquez. Roll call on Bill 34-0333. Senator Boquez, Jr. Angel Boquez, Jr. Senator Boquez, yay Senator Novell E. Francis, Jr. Senator Francis, yay Senator Kenneth L. Gittins Yes Senator Gittins, yay Senator Franklin D. Johnson Yay Senator Johnson, yay Senator Carla J. Joseph Yes senator Joseph yay senator Milton E Potter yes senator Potter yay senator Genevieve R Whitaker yay senator Whitaker yay mr. chair we have seven yay thank you very much colleagues bill number 34-0333 an act appropriating funds from the Virgin Islands lottery in fiscal year 2022 to the government of virgin islands employees retirement system for bonus pay shortfalls from fiscal years 2021 and 2022 has been favorably considered by the committee of rules and judiciary utilizing the closed rule and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration do i have motion motion senator joseph you're recognized for your motion thank you so much mr chairman mr chairman and colleagues i moved that bill number 34-0334 an act appropriating funds from the general fund in fiscal year 2022 to the university of the virgin islands for the purpose of paying retroactive merit increases to employees who separated from the university during the period of january 1st 1992 through december 31st 1998 be favorably voted upon in the committee on rules and judiciary and reported out to the full body for further consideration and action pursuant to the closed rule 513 subsection a item 10 iso move Properly moved by Senator Joseph, seconded by Senator Francis and Senator

3:52:14 Bolquez. Roll call on bill number 34-0334. Senator Angel Bolquez Jr. Senator Bolquez, yay. Senator Novell E. Francis Jr. Senator Francis, yay. Senator Kenneth L. Gittins yes Senator Gittins yay Senator Franklin D. Johnson yay Senator Johnson yay Senator Carla J. Joseph yes Senator Joseph yay Senator Milton E. Potter yes Senator Potter yay Senator Genevieve R. Whitaker yay Senator Whitaker yay Mr.

3:53:03 chair there's seven yay thank you very much colleagues bill number 34-0334 an act appropriating funds from the general fund in fiscal year 2022 to the university of the virgin islands for the purpose of paying retroactive merit increases to employees who separated from the university during the period of january 1st 1992 through december 31st 1998 has been favorably considered by the Committee on Rules and Judiciary utilizing a closed rule and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration. Committee on Rules and Judiciary will take a two-minute recess.

3:54:03 I love you. Thank you. We'll be right back. Thank you. We'll be right back. We'll be right back. I love you Thank you. Let's get started. Thank you.

3:59:03 is back on the record senator Joseph he recognized for your amendment thank you kindly mr. chairman mr. chairman I rise to offer amendments number 34 that 6 1 6 and 34 that 6 1 7 combined and it is sponsored by Senators Angel Boquez, Jr., Milton E. Potter, Nouvelle E. Francis, Sr., and myself. And amendment to Bill No. 34-0335. It reads, Bill No. 34-0335 is amended by adding two appropriately numbered sections that read Section Title 33, Virgin Islands Code, Subtitle 3, Chapter 111, Section 3100U is amended as followed. A. By striking Centennial Special, where it appears in the section heading and throughout the section and by inserting Virgin Islands Historical Commemorative. B, in subsection A, by striking all the language after for the purpose of and inserting funding events commemorating

significant cultural and historic events in the Virgin Islands. Section blank A, the sum of \$1 million is appropriated from the Community Facilities Trust Fund to the Virgin Islands Historical Commemorative Fund to be utilized to erect historical monuments and to fund preparations for the 175th anniversary celebration of the emancipation of the Virgin Islands, including the cost for design and production of license plates commemorating the 175th Emancipation Anniversary. B, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles is prohibited from charging any person age 65 or older for a license plate that commemorates the 175th Emancipation Anniversary. C. Any amount of the \$1 million appropriated in the Virgin Islands Historical Commemorative Fund pursuant to Section A that is not expended or obligated on or before December 31, 2023 remains in the fund and is no longer available for the use provided for in Subsection A. I so move. Properly moved by Senator Joseph, seconded by Senators Bulkers and Senator Francis. Hearing no objection, so ordered. Motion. Senator Joseph, you're recognized for your motion. Thank you so much, Mr. Chairman.

4:02:17 Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill No. 34-0335 and Reconciling Acts No. 8474 and 8590 and making various appropriations available until September 30, 2023, making a correction to Act No. 8578 and amending Act No. 8496, appropriating additional funds to the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority, as amended, be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and reported out to the full body for further consideration and action pursuant to the Closed Rule 513, Subsection A, Item 10. I so move.

4:03:14 Properly moved by Senator Joseph, seconded by Senator Buelquez. Roll call on Bill No. 34-0335 as amended. Senator Angel Buelquez, Jr. Senator Buelquez, yay. Senator Novell E. Francis, Jr. Senator Francis, yay Senator Kenneth L. Gittins Yes Senator Gittins, yay Senator Franklin D. Johnson Yay Senator Johnson, yay Senator Carla J. Joseph Yes Senator Joseph, yay Senator Milton E. Potter Yes Senator Potter, yay Senator Genevieve R. Whitaker Yay Senator Whitaker, yay. Mr. Chair, we have seven, yay.

4:04:07 Thank you very much, colleagues. Bill number 34-0335, an act reconciling Acts number 8474 and 8590, and making various appropriations available until September 30th, 2023, making a correction to Act number 8578 and amending act number 8496 appropriating additional funds to the virgin islands waste management authority as amended has been favorably considered by the committee on rules and judiciary utilizing the closed rule and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration do i have motion motion mr chairman wait What was that?

4:05:02 This is Senator Giddens. You may proceed, Senator Joseph. Motion, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill number 34-0336, an act amended title 18 virgin islands code chapter 7 section 158 to increase the compensation of election or officers and clerks be favorably voted upon in the committee on rules and judiciary and reported out to the full body for further consideration and action pursuant to the closed rule 513 subsection a item 10 iso move properly moved by senator joseph seconded by senator francis and senator uh bouquez roll call on bill number 34-0336 senator angel bouquez jr Senator Bocas, yay Senator Novell E. Francis, jr.

4:06:11 Senator Francis, yay Senator Kenneth L. Gittins Yes Senator Gittins, yay Senator Franklin D. Johnson Yay Senator Johnson, yay Senator Carla J. Joseph Yes Senator Joseph, yay Senator Milton E. Potter Yes Senator Potter, yay. Senator Genevieve R. Whitaker, yay. Senator Whitaker, yay. Mr. Chair, seven, yay.

4:06:44 Thank you very much, Madam Clerk. Colleagues, Bill number 34-0336, an act amending Title 18, Virgin Islands Code, Chapter 7, Section 158, to increase the compensation of election officers and clerks has been favorably considered by the Committee on Rules and Judiciary utilizing the closed rule and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration. Colleagues, do I have a motion? Motion. Senator Joseph, you're recognized for your motion. Thank you kindly, Mr. Chairman.

4:07:20 Mr. Chairman and colleagues, I move that Bill No. 34-0337 and act appropriating the sum of \$679,250 from the St. Croix Capital Improvement Fund to the Virgin Islands Port Authority to be used for the resurfacing of the Gordon Finch Molasses Pier Facility, be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary, and report it out to the full body for further consideration and action pursuant to the Closed Rule 513, Subsection A, Item 10. ISO move. Properly moved by Senator Joseph, seconded by Senator Francis and Senator Bolquez. Roll call on Bill number 34-0337.

4:08:13 Senator Angel Bolquez, Jr.? Senator Bolquez, yay. Senator Novell E. Francis, Jr.? Senator Francis, yay. Senator Kenneth L. Gittins? Yes. Senator Gittins, yay. Senator Franklin D. Johnson? Yay. Senator Johnson, yay. Senator Carla J. Joseph? Yes. Senator Joseph, yay. Senator Milton E. Potter?

4:08:43 Yes. Senator Potter, yay. Senator Genevieve R. Whitaker? Yay. Senator Whitaker, yay. Mr. Chair, seven, yay. Thank you very much, colleagues. Bill number 34-0337, an act appropriating the sum of \$679,250 from the St. Croix Capital Improvement Fund to the Virgin Islands Port Authority to be used for the resurfacing of the Gordon Finch Molasses Pier facility has been favorably considered by the Committee by the Committee on Rules and Judiciary utilizing the closed rule and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration. Do I have a motion?

- 4:09:26 Motion, Mr. Chairman. Senator Joseph, you're recognized for your motion. Thank you so kindly, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman and colleagues, I move that Bill 34-0339 an act authorizing the Department of Property and Procurement to set aside a portion of Parcel F Submarine Base No. 6 South Side Quarter St. Thomas, Virgin Islands for the Office of Veterans Affairs for the construction of a Veterans Multipurpose Center and appropriating a total of \$1,500,000 for the construction completion be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and reported out to the full body for further consideration and action pursuant to the Closed Rule 513, Subsection A, Item 10. I so move. Properly moved by Senator Joseph, seconded by Senator Bolquez and Senator Francis. Roll call on Bill No. 34-0339.
- 4:10:36 Senator Angel Bolquez, Jr.? Senator Bolquez, yay. Senator Novell E. Francis, Jr.? Yes. Senator Francis, yay. Senator Kenneth L. Gittins, yes. Senator Gittins, yay. Senator Franklin D. Johnson, yay. Senator Johnson, yay. Senator Carla J. Joseph, yes. Senator Joseph, yay. Senator Milton E. Potter, yes. Senator Potter, yay. Senator Genevieve R.
- 4:11:11 Whitaker yay senator Whitaker yay mr. chair seven yay thank you very much colleagues bill number thirty four dash zero three three nine an act authorizing the Department of Property and Procurement to set aside a portion of parcel F submarine base number six south side quarter st. Thomas Virgin Islands for the Office of Veterans Affairs for the construction of a veteran multipurpose center and appropriating a total of \$1,500,000 for construction completion has been favorably considered by the Committee on Rules and Judiciary utilizing the closed rule and will be forwarded the full body for further consideration motion senator johnson you're recognized for your motion mr chair i move amendment number 34 6 4 0 to bill number 34 0294 offered by senator kurt billet senator franklin johnson senator kettin kenneth giddens senator genevieve whittaker is amended in section three by designating the existing language as subsection a and adding a new subsection b to read as follow b the usbi sacca association shall submit a comprehensive development plan for the sacca for sacca in the virgin islands to the department of sports parks and Recreation and the Department of Property and Procurement for the approval before commencing the project ISO move. Properly moved by Senator Johnson seconded by Senator Francis. Hearing no objections
- 4:13:10 so ordered. Motion. Senator Johnson you're recognized for your motion. Mr. Chair I move that bill number thirty four zero two nine four an act amending act 8474 to adjust the physical year 2022 budget to appropriate the funds to the USVI soccer Association Inc as a grant for additional improvement to the professional soccer field at plot 23-1 s8 Bethlehem St. Croix Virgin Islands to add covering for the bleachers and new parking lot as amended and be voted on on favorably in the Committee of Rules and Judiciary and be forwarded to the full body for further consideration as pursuant to the Closed Rule Act 513-A, Item 10. I so move.
- 4:14:05 Properly moved by Senator Johnson, seconded by Senator Whitaker, Senator Joseph, Senator Francis, and Senator Bulkens. Roll call on bill number 34-0294 as amended. Senator Angel Bocas, Jr. Senator Bocas, yay. Senator Novell E. Francis, Jr.
- 4:14:34 Senator Francis, yay. Senator Kenneth L. Gittins, yes. Senator Gittins, yay. Senator Franklin D. Johnson, yay. Senator Johnson, yay. Senator Carla J. Joseph, yay. Senator Joseph, yay. Senator Milton E. Potter, yes. Senator Potter, yay. Senator Genevieve R. Whitaker, yay.
- 4:15:03 Senator Whitaker, yay. Mr. Chair, seven, yay. Thank you very much, Madam Clerk, colleagues. Bill number 34-0294, an act amending Act 8474 to adjust the fiscal year 2022 budget to appropriate funds to the USVI Soccer, Inc. as a grant for additional improvements to the professional soccer field at Plot 23-1 Estate Bethlehem St. Croix Virgin Islands to add coverings for the bleachers and a new parking lot as amended has been favorably considered by the Committee on Rules and Judiciary utilizing the closed rule and will be forwarded to the full body for further consideration. Senator Francis, you're recognized for your point of personal privilege.
- 4:16:00 Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. I didn't want us to conclude this day without recognizing the work of our post-audit division. I think that as we continue to contemplate all of these measures before us, you know, as commendation to the post-audit division who are tasked with, again, completing all of the post-audit report for these many bills, bills, but the bills as well as the projections that were submitted by the executive branch OMB and others, and under the leadership of Director Jose George, I just really want to commend them for all of their work. I know that the chair of the Committee of Finance will certainly do that at session, but as today concludes the clearinghouse of these measures and then send them all to the full session i really want to commend them for their work kudos thank you very much thank you for your due diligence and thank you for all of the uh report um the auditing all of the the budget that came down before us and there was numerous agencies that came um before us during the budget cycle i just really want to thank you for the work that's been done by them thank you very much mr chair for the time thank you very much senator francis i could not have said it any better myself and definitely kudos to our hard-working central staff in particular uh the post added division headed by mr jose george and miss fleming is very capable member of the team who does some of the heavy lifting also thank you very much to the entire post on the team as well as the entire central staff for all that you do quietly behind the scenes

to make things happen here at the legislature you guys are the unsung heroes thank you very much for getting getting us through almost almost there towards the end of a a new 2020 2022 2023 fiscal year budget we appreciate you um thank you very much colleagues we've exhausted our agenda. Senator Franklin Johnson, I saw you there waving your hand.

4:18:19 Senator Johnson, you're recognized for your point of personal privilege, sir. Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. I would like to at this time offer my deepest condolence to the family of Tassin Carino out of Frederickstead. Tassin Carino was a giant in the horse racing industry, a giant in the car race industry, and a businessman out of Frederickstead. Well-known businessman and well-known community activist out here on the island of St. Croix. And I got the news and I spoke to his family members, so they told me I could go right ahead and offer the condolence and let the people know that we have lost a giant out of Frederickstead. May he rest in peace. And again, I extend my condolence to the entire Carino family on the western part of St.

4:19:07 Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. Thank you very much, Senator Johnson. We echo our condolences on this and also to the family. Colleagues, the Committee on Rules and Judiciary Meeting of Thursday, September 15, 2022 is officially adjourned. I'll see you next time.

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- 69x **Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.**
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- 2x **Senator Dwayne DeGraff**
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- 2x **Senator Karla J. Joseph**
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- 1x **Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory**
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- 1x **Senator Donna Frett-Gregory**
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Bills and acts referred to

Matched by number against our own acts corpus. The number is what the recognition heard, so it may be wrong; where it resolved, the title is the one the Legislature gave the act.

- Bill 34-0305** Act 8620 · An Act providing an appropriation for salaries and expenses of the Virgin Islands Board of Elections and the Office of the Supervisor of Elections for the fiscal year October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023 ---0
- Bill 34-0306** Act 8621 · An Act providing an appropriation from the Anti-Litter and Beautification Fund to the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority and the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works for operating expenses during the fiscal year October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023 ---0
- Bill 34-0308** Act 8623 · An Act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Board of Education from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023 ---0
- Bill 34-0309** Act 8624 · An Act providing an appropriation from the Business and Commercial Properties Revolving Fund to the Virgin Islands Department of Property and Procurement for operating expenses for the fiscal year October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023 ---0
- Bill 34-0311** Act 8626 · An Act providing an appropriation from the Caribbean Basin Initiative Fund as a contribution to the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023 ---0
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- Bill 34-0318** Act 8632 · (title not held)
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- Bill 34-0320** Act 8634 · An Act providing an appropriation for operating expenses of the Waste Management Authority from the Sewer Waste Water Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023 ---0
- Bill 34-0322** Act 8636 · An Act providing an appropriation from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund to the Office of the Governor, Virgin Islands Police Department, the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works, the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority, the Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture and the Virgin Islands Department of Tourism for the fiscal year October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023 ---0
- Bill 34-0323** Act 8637 · An Act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023 ---0
- Bill 34-0324** Act 8638 · An Act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission for the fiscal year October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023 ---0
- Bill 34-0325** Act 8639 · An Act providing an appropriation from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Board of Nurse Licensure for the fiscal year October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023 ---0
- Bill 34-0326** Act 8640 · An Act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Bureau of Motor Vehicles from the Transportation Trust Fund during the fiscal year October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023 ---0
- Bill 34-0321** Act 8635 · An Act providing an appropriation to the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission for the fiscal year October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023 ---0
- Bill 34-0327** Act 8641 · An Act providing an appropriation for the sum of 56,000,000 from the Virgin Islands Ensurance Guaranty Fund

as a contribution to the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023 ---0

Bill 34-0328 Act 8642 · September 20, 2022 · An Act amending title 22 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 10, section 237(a)(3)(A) and title 33 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 111, section 3061 relating to the balance in the Virgin Islands Insurance Guaranty Fund to amend the currently required \$40,000,000 amount which is set to increase to \$50,000,000 on September 30, 2022 ---0

Bill 34-0329 Act 8643 · An Act providing an appropriation from the Crisis Intervention Fund for the fiscal year October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023 ---0

Bill 34-0332 Act 8644 · An Act appropriating \$570,000 from the St. John Capital Improvement Fund to the Virgin Islands Port Authority to complete repairs and construction at the Loredon Lorence Boynes, Sr. Dock on the island of St. John ---0

Bill 34-0333 Act 8645 · An Act appropriating funds from the Virgin Islands Lottery in fiscal year 2022 to the Government Employees Retirement System for bonus pay shortfalls from fiscal years 2021 and 2022 ---0

Bill 34-0334 Act 8646 · An Act appropriating funds from the General Fund in Fiscal Year 2022 to the University of the Virgin Islands for the purpose of paying retroactive merit increases to employees who separated from the University during the period of January 1, 1992, through December 31, 1998 --0

Bill 34-0335 Act 8647 · September 20, 2022 · An Act reconciling Act Nos. 8474 and 8590 and making various appropriations available until September 30, 2023; making a correction to Act No. 8578; amending Act No. 8496 appropriating additional funds to the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority; amending Act No. 8476 regarding the fiscal year 2022 budget of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands; amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 3, chapter 111, section 3100u to rename the Centennial Special Fund, ·The Virgin Islands Historical Commemorative Fund-; appropriating \$1,000,000 from the Communities Facilities Trust Fund to the Virgin Islands Historical Commemorative Fund; to fund preparations for the 175th anniversary celebrati

Bill 34-0337 Act 8649 · An Act appropriating the sum of \$679,250 from the St. Croix Capital Improvement Fund to the Virgin Islands Port Authority to be used for the resurfacing of the Gordon Finch Molasses Pier Facility --0

Act 8578 Act 8578 · July 20, 2022 · An Act amending Act No. 8473, section 1, subsection (q)(3) relating to a \$2,175,000 appropriation to the Public Finance Authority to provide for a grant of that sum to the Twin City Cricket Association and the St. Thomas Cricket Association for the development of the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation St. Croix Cricket Field and St. Thomas Cricket Field; making a 53,434,994.14 appropriation from the General Fund to the Government Employees Retirement System (GERS) to defray shortfalls in fiscal years 2018, 2019 and 2020 for annual bonus payments to retirees; amending Act No. 8476, relating the Legisla mre of the Virgin Islands fiscal year 2022 budget, to reprogram the appropriation fo

Act 8496 Act 8496 · An Act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority from the General Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2022

Act 8474 Act 8474 · An Act providing an appropriation from the General Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the operation of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October t, 2021, through September 30, 2022 =)

Act 8620 Act 8620 · An Act providing an appropriation for salaries and expenses of the Virgin Islands Board of Elections and the Office of the Supervisor of Elections for the fiscal year October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023 ---0

Act 8621 Act 8621 · An Act providing an appropriation from the Anti-Litter and Beautification Fund to the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority and the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works for operating expenses during the fiscal year October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023 ---0

Act 8623 Act 8623 · An Act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Board of Education from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023 ---0

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Act 8473	Act 8473 · September 17, 2021 · An Act amending Act No. 8365, as amended by Act No. 8411; and Act No. 8451; amending Act No. 8451, section 2(a); amending Act No. 8347, section 1, relating to the fiscal year 2021 operating budget for the Government of the Virgin Islands, to appropriate \$24,423,321 to several departments and agencies to pay outstanding obligations; and providing for other related purposes =

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