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Alphonso J. Chatman
 Secretary

Summary
Legislative Assembly of the U.C. of the U.S.A.
1st 1937

The 1937 Legislative Assembly of the U.C. of the U.S.A. in pursuance of the resolution of the Executive Council, the Town Council of St. Thomas and the Administration Building, St. Thomas, opened on November 26, 1937 at 10:00 a.m.

Present were the following members:
For St. Thomas and St. John:

- Hon. Conrad Concio, Member of the St. Thomas Municipal Council
 - Hon. Daniel Roberts - Member of the Town District
 - " Ralph Parnowaky, Member of the Town District
 - " Leopold Baskel - Member of the Town District
 - " Eugene de la Place, Member of the Town District
 - " Harry de Lagarde, Member of the Town District
 - " Julius Spence, Member of the Town District
- For St. Croix:

- Hon. Dr. D. L. Benegata, Member of the St. Croix Municipal Council
 - " Ralph de la Cruz, Member of the Town District
 - " Frank B. Cook, Member of the Town District
 - " George H. Hughes, Member of the Town District
 - " John A. Smith, Member of the Town District
 - " James H. Jones, Member of the Town District
 - " William H. Brown, Member of the Town District
 - " Robert H. White, Member of the Town District
 - " Charles H. Black, Member of the Town District
 - " Edward H. Green, Member of the Town District
 - " George H. Hall, Member of the Town District
 - " Henry H. King, Member of the Town District
 - " Isaac H. Lee, Member of the Town District
 - " James H. Miller, Member of the Town District
 - " John H. Moore, Member of the Town District
 - " Joseph H. Taylor, Member of the Town District
 - " Richard H. Thomas, Member of the Town District
 - " Samuel H. Walker, Member of the Town District
 - " Thomas H. Young, Member of the Town District
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Member Saiwonsky moved to elect
Chairman, and after that, go into
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admitted.

The vote was taken on the amendment proposed by member Sarewosky that the Committee of the Council meet in the Council's office.

12 members voted for, none against.
In accordance with vote taken, the Assembly
left for the Council's Office at 11:29 to discuss in
Committee the Rules of Business.

The Committee of the Whole met in the Court House Hall at 11:00 A.M. and considered the Rules of Business of the Legislative Assembly. ^{They} Recessed at 12:40 P.M. Reassembled in Committee at 2:00 P.M. and after completing their work there at 6:15 P.M. to reassemble and report in formal session at 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday, November 12, 1912.

The Legislative Assembly was convened in the Assembly Hall at the Administration Building at 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday, November 23, 1937.

15 members were present and 1 absent.
His Excellency Governor Laurence W. Cramm,
Hon. Robert Morris and Mrs. Morris P. de Castis were present.
The meeting was called to order by the Acting Chairman.
Member Morris, Speaker of the Committee of the Whole,
read the Rules of Business for the Legislative Assembly
as proposed by the Committee of the Whole.
Hon. Joseph moved that the Rules of Business
as proposed by the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

Mr. Conrad Connors was elected with 11 votes.
Mr. C. C. Canagata received 2 votes.

They proceeded next with the election of a Vice Chairman.
12 ballots were cast. 3 members abstained from

Mr. Frederick D. Orch was unanimously elected

12 voted tickets were handed in for the election

Mr. Ralph Bawson was elected by 10 votes.

Mr. Ralph de la... 14... 10...
received 11 vote, respectively.

12 voted tickets were handed in for the election of a
Secretary.

Each ballot was unanimously elected with 11 votes.
A recess for five minutes was declared.

At the resumption of session the Chairman addressed
the assembly. He thanked them for electing him as Chairman
and expressed his desire to cooperate and work up
the affairs.

The respective members expressed their thanks for
being elected to office.

Member Roberts made a short address to the assembly.

He then made a request the Secretary to read
communications received.

The Secretary read as follows:

Letters dated November 23, 1937 from the Governor
Maurice W. Lamont to the Chairman of the Legislative
Assembly, stating that he had adopted the Robert
Henrich and Morris P. B. B. to be sent to
the members of the Assembly.

After the reading of the letter a motion was made
by member Roberts, which was adopted.

The Assembly was then adjourned until the next
session.

Member Orschman made a motion which was
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Dr. Canegata asked the Chairman to draw the law introduced by him.

The Chairman told him he can withdraw after the first discussion.

A recess of 15 minutes was given by the Dr. Canegata, and Messrs. Penning & Co. meeting during the recess.

On the resumption of session Item 8 on the day was taken up.

The Chairman read the bill section by section.

A few remarks were made on the bill by the members.

The Assembly went into Committee of the Whole at 10 o'clock P. M. and rose at 4:40 P. M.

The Secretary read the Oath of Law.

An informal discussion followed by Messrs. Lagarde, Dery, Roberts and Obrsch.

The Assembly was declared recessed by the Chairman at 4:30 P. M. to reassemble on Wednesday, November 24, 1937, at 9:30.

The Assembly was called to order by the Chairman at 9:30 A. M. on Wednesday November 24, 1937, at the opening of the session.

40 members were present and 5 absent.

The Chairman stated to the Assembly that the Governor was notified that the Legislature is in session and asked him to attend.

The Governor enquired "What matter is before the Assembly?" and was told, "The Liquor Bill." The Governor then said, "He will not attend nor deputize anyone to represent him."

A few remarks followed by members of the Assembly.

Continuation of the first discussion on "A Bill of Rights to equalize taxation on distilled spirits and beer and wine in the Virgin Islands" was proceeded with by the Chairman.

As the majority of the bill being absent, the members appeared at the session.

Discussion followed on the bill by Messrs. Lagarde, Dery, Roberts, and Obrsch. The bill was passed by a majority of 40 to 5.

The first discussion on the bill was closed. The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The bill was taken up at 1:30 P. M. and was passed by a majority of 40 to 5. The bill was then referred to the Committee of the Whole.

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The bill was taken up at 5:30 P. M. and was passed by a majority of 40 to 5. The bill was then referred to the Committee of the Whole.

at 11:55 A. M. November 24, 1937.

CONRAD CORNEIRO

Ralph Porewonsky
Secretary

Summary

2nd 1938

The following members were present:

- Mr. Thompson and Mr. John
- Mr. [unclear] of the [unclear] Municipal
- Mr. [unclear] and Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear] and Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear] and Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear] and Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear] and Mr. [unclear]

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Mr. [unclear] and Mr. [unclear]

Mr. [unclear] and Mr. [unclear]

Mr. [unclear] and Mr. [unclear]

Chairman. He proceeded with the adoption of the last meeting.

Member Joseph moved that the adoption be waived until later. The motion was carried by member Roberts.

The vote was taken on the motion with 12 members abstained from voting.

A discussion followed on the minutes of the meeting by members Joseph, Dorsch, Roberts and the Acting Chairman.

It was moved by member Roberts and carried by member Dorsch that the motion be carried.

The motion was put to the vote, it was voted in favor and 12 abstained from voting.

The Acting Chairman proceeded with the election of officers.

Mr. Dorsch, Mr. Roberts and Mr. Joseph presented themselves from the roster.

Ballots were cast for the election and 13 ballots were marked in favor of Dorsch.

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Order of the Day.

A discussion followed by members Bachel, Beez, and the Chairman.

A vote was taken as to whether Mr. Fairbank should be granted permission to sponsor and publish the address of the Day. (A List to provide a platform for the, presumably officials and employees of the Greenbank.)

Members noted in favor: 2 against; 1 abstained.

Member Joseph moved for a proposition on the Order of the Day (to have a temporary leave of absence for the Municipal Greenbank).

A vote was taken on the above, with the result that it was noted in favor; 1 abstained from voting.

Member Joseph moved, and permission was granted to him to sponsor a proposition, to have a proposition, inspection, and a report of said proposition.

The Order of the Day was taken up "A Draft of a bill for the Virgin Islands of the United States" proposed by members Roberts and ...

... in the form of an amendment and ... Bill, section ... section ...

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The Assembly was called to order by the
 The first item on the Order of Business
 preceded with Item 1, "Draft of Law to provide for
 Licensing of Persons Engaging in the Practice of
 Medicine, Surgery, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Podiatry,
 Medicine, Nursing, Optometry, Massage, and
 other systems of Treatment of Injuries or Diseases
 the Virgin Islands and for other purposes."

The Law was introduced by members
 and Lagarde. (See Vestibular copy pages 1 and 2)

A discussion followed by members
 Lagarde, Joseph, Alexander, Rudy, and others.
 Council and the Chairman.

The Chairman declared that the bill
 the Committee of the Whole.

Item 2 was provided in the "Report
 Petition the Congress of the United States to provide for
 November 1961, estimated as follows: \$100,000
 arriving from the Virgin Islands in the amount of
 to be credited to the Principal Secretary of the
 ment of the Virgin Islands."

Proposed by the Committee of the Whole.

The Chairman asked the House to
 report the 10 days required by law and the
 resolution came up for discussion.

A vote was taken, 11 members in favor
 and 10 against.

The Assistant Secretary read the report of the
 the House made his interventionary committee.

The House then adjourned until 10:00 a.m.
 on Monday, November 13, 1961.

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A recess of 10 minutes was given by the Chairman.
At the resumption of session the Assembly proceeded
with its discussion on the Election Law.

It was moved by member Penning and seconded
by member Roberts that the first discussion on the
Election Law be closed.
The motion was put to the vote with the following
result: voted in favor; none against.

Chairman proceeded with Item 8 "Draft
Standardized leave of absence of employees
removed of the Virgin Islands of the United
States introduced by member Baconsky."

After the bill was read the proponent
made his remarks.

A short discussion followed by members
Baker, Baskin, Mr. [unclear] and the
Chairman.

It was moved by member Baker and
seconded by member Roberts that the first discus-
sion on the bill be closed.

The motion was put to the vote and
adopted by 12 members voted in favor; none against.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:45 P.M. to
reconvene at 10:00 O'clock A.M. on Wednesday, November 16, 1938.

Reconvened November 16, 1938.
The Assembly was called to order by the Chairman
at 10:00 O'clock A.M.

All members were present.
Item 5 was taken up, Draft
of pension system for employees of the Virgin Islands of the United States
introduced by member Baconsky.

The bill was read section by section.
Member Baconsky made his
remarks. It was discussed by members
Alexander, Baconsky, Baskin, Baker,
Cotton, Johnson and the Chairman.

Member Baconsky
discussion be closed.
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He then proceeded with Item 6, "Draft of law govern the production inspection and sale of and meat products in the Virgin Islands." Introduced by member Joseph.

The bill was read section by section.

Member Joseph made his introductory discussion followed by members E. Shuck, Alexander Conneico, Sargant, Robert, and Mr. Morris F. de Caster, and the Chairman.

It was moved by member Roberts and seconded by member Berg that the first discussion of the bill be closed.

The motion was put to the vote and the result of 10 members voted in favor; 4 against.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Reconvened on Monday November 14, 1955.

The Assembly was called to order by the Chairman.

12 members were present and 10 members.

Item 1 was proceeded with, "Draft of Law of E. Petrol Law for the Virgin Islands." Proposed by the Committee of the Virgin Islands.

Member Roberts (speaker of the assembly) introduced the bill. He then moved that the bill be read section by section.

Waynes - - - - Nay
 York - - - - Yeas
 Smith - - - - Yeas

Mr. Lagarde - - - - Not Voting
 Mr. Plutney - - - - Absent

7 yeas; 6 nays; 2 members not voting and 1

Chairman and Vice Chairman exchanged

Mr. Clorsch offered amendments and moved some minor changes in Section 3.

The motion to amend was seconded by Paremsky.

Member Paremsky in turn offered another amendment which was favorable to all.

Member Roberts moved that Section 3 be

repealed, Section 4 was declared adopted by the members.

Mr. Thompson moved that the committee be

repealed. The committee was then adopted by the members.

The committee followed by moving to amend the constitution.

Mr. Clorsch moved that some amendments be adopted.

The committee moved and was adopted.

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Chapter VI, VII and VIII as amended were adopted.
Chapter IX was amended and adopted by a vote
in favor; none against.

The discussion was declared closed by the
chairman and the vote was taken on the bill with
the result as follows:

Mr. [unclear] ---	Yes	Mr. [unclear] ---	Yes
Mr. [unclear] ---	Yes	Mr. [unclear] ---	Yes
Mr. [unclear] ---	Yes	Mr. [unclear] ---	Yes
Mr. [unclear] ---	Yes	Mr. [unclear] ---	Yes
Mr. [unclear] ---	Yes	Mr. [unclear] ---	Yes
Mr. [unclear] ---	Yes	Mr. [unclear] ---	Yes
Mr. [unclear] ---	Yes	Mr. [unclear] ---	Yes

Ayes, 3; Nays; and one member absent

The Assembly recessed at 1 o'clock P.M. until
Monday, November 21, 1938, at 10 o'clock P.M.
(Pages 48-62)

Resumed Monday, November 21, 1938

The Assembly was called to order at 2:00 o'clock
P.M. with His Excellency, the Acting Governor and
Mr. Morris F. de la Cruz present.
No members were absent.

The Governor wished Mrs. [unclear] a happy
birthday in the name of the Assembly.

He then presented with Item 1, "A resolution
of the [unclear] of the United States
of [unclear] for [unclear] people."

The Secretary read the resolution.
It was adopted by a vote of [unclear] to [unclear].
The Assembly then adjourned at 4:00 P.M.
The next session will be held on [unclear] at [unclear] o'clock P.M.

Item 2 was then taken up "Resolution of the Congress of the United States to permit all Revenue Taxes collected on liquor and other articles from the Virgin Islands into the United States be credited to the Municipal Treasuries of the Government of the Virgin Islands." Proposed by the Committee of the Whole.

The Secretary read the Resolution.

It was discussed by the Acting Governor, Mr. Roberts and Mr. [unclear].

A vote was taken as to whether the Committee should have 5 minutes recess, with the result 12 members voted in favor, none against.

A recess of 5 minutes was given.

At the resumption it was moved by Mr. [unclear] and seconded by Mr. [unclear] that paragraph 5 of the Resolution be amended so that it should read "the result of the vote, 12 members voted in favor and 1 member against."

Member Roberts moved that the amendment be adopted, and the vote was taken on the amendment. Results as follows: 12 in favor, 1 member against.

The Resolution was declared adopted.

Item 3 was proceeded with, Resolution to authorize a participation in conjunction with the United States to petition Congress to permit all duties on liquor and other articles from the Virgin Islands to be credited to the Municipal Treasuries of the Government of the Virgin Islands. Proposed by the Committee of the Whole.

Member Roberts introduced the Resolution.

The Acting Governor moved the Bill.

He then proposed that 3 members (3 from the Virgin Islands) be appointed to the Committee.

The Committee was unanimously adopted.

The Acting Governor moved that the Committee be appointed. The vote was taken and the result was 12 in favor, 1 member against.

A recess of 5 minutes was given.

At the resumption 13 voting tickets were handed for the election of a Committee of 6 members to see to the execution in accordance with the terms of the motion that was passed as follows:

By Group: Messrs W. Begg and P.D. Doran respectively, and Paul Joseph with 14

votes. Messrs Alexander and Anthony received 3 votes each.

By Group: Messrs Daniel Roberts, W. Lagarde and Ralph Bismontsky with 13 votes each.

The Chairman proceeded with Item 4, "A Resolution on the subject of Tax," Proposed by member Alexander.

The proposer made some introductory remarks.

Members Roberts and Bismontsky discussed the matter.

It was moved by member Roberts and seconded by member Begg that the discussion be closed and that the vote be taken on the Resolution.

The motion was put to the vote with the following results: All members voted aye. The Resolution was unanimously adopted with 13 votes.

Item 5 was taken up. It related to the petition of the Congress of the United States to grant citizenship to aliens residing in the Virgin Islands and to the petition for the grant of citizenship to the people of the Virgin Islands.

The Chairman called for the names of the members who wished to speak on this subject.

There were no members present who wished to speak on this subject.

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of the Virgin Islands of the United States, by the Committee of the Whole.

The laws was read by the Secretary.

Member Roberts made an amendment which was put to the vote and adopted by 10 members voting in favor; none against.

Member Roberts moved that the meeting be closed and the vote be taken on the bill.

Ten members voted in favor of the motion; none against.

The Secretary read the bill in its amended form and the vote was taken on it with the following results: 11 members voted yes; 10 members voted no.

The Acting Governor complimented the members and the members for the spirit of cooperation they had shown during the session.

The Chairman thanked the Acting Governor and thanked the members of the St. John's for the courtesies shown them during the session.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Adjourned Monday, November 13, 1933.

W. Frederick Dorsch

PAUL E. JOSEPH

3rd

for. L. A. Roberts, Chairman of the Municipal Council

" *Ralph Ransworthy*

71 Edward Keane

Weymouth Rhymers

And Brown

Hubert - Sprague

Frederick M. Schiffer

From the 1st of Aug.

Samuel J. May, - Chairman of the Assembly

Joseph M. Golden

Wm. L. Fleming.

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Charles C. R. T. Brown and Joseph C. Chapman
do hereby certify that in the presence of their
attorneys the within

representing this Administration was

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The Governor's Proclamation was read by the

The Acting Commissioner declared the Council
open, after proceeding with the closing the
Commissioner asked the members to stand for a
moment to the late Mr. C. H. Smith - he had
been by the past year's work and his efforts
toward cooperation and economy.

Member Kean and Golden received 7 votes respectively.

Member Joseph thanked the members.

14 ballots were cast for ^{the election of a} Secretary. 1 blank vote.

Member Gaiwonsky was elected Secretary with 11 votes.

Member Dorack received 2 votes.

Member Gaiwonsky thanked the members and expressed his appreciation for the support they have placed in him.

They proceeded next with the election of an Secretary. 14 ballots were cast: 1 blank.

Member Johannes was elected Secretary with 11 votes.

Members Kean and Golden received 7 votes respectively.

Member Phansy thanked the members and expressed his appreciation for the support they have placed in him.

On the motion of member Kean and Golden, the minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved.

The Secretary read Amendments to the "By-Laws of Business", which were adopted during the last session.

✓ The Amended By-Laws were unanimously adopted.

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The motion was put to the vote and ~~was~~ carried by
in favor.

Item 3. "A law to govern the production, inspection
and sale of milk and milk products."

Member Johnson likewise requested permission
to the milk ordinance.

It was taken and unanimously carried.

Item 4. "A law to govern the production, inspection
and sale of meat and meat products."

A discussion followed on the bill by members
Horn and the Whig.

Mr. Johnson declared ^{that} member Pennington
was the bill under certain conditions if he could get
the requisite bills from the Governor.

A vote was taken on it and passed by all.

Item 5. "A law to provide for adequate water
supply in each of the townships" and for the

Member Johnson moved to adjourn the 30 day
session and asked the speaker to action.

The vote was taken and passed by all in favor.

Item 6. "A law to establish a uniform building
code."

No one opposed the item. The speaker then
asked the item to be passed by all.

Item 7. "A law to control the water supply
applied with a view to the health of the people."

The Chairman asked the members to raise any
questions in the bill before the committee is ready.

Item 8. "A law to provide for the health of the people
by the establishment of a health department."

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by the establishment of a health department."

The Chairman asked the members to raise any
questions in the bill before the committee is ready.

This item was held in abeyance.

Item 11, "A Law to control internal traffic in narcotics."

Item 12, "A Law to determine judicial proceedings in cases of lunacy, and to provide for the admission and discharge of patients in the insane hospital as provided by member Corcoran."

Item 13, "A Law to provide for registration of trademarks."

The Chairman declared that the items were introduced in due time.

Item 14, "Resolution petitioning the Congress of the United States to repeal the following paragraph of the 3rd of the Oregon's Act: 'The laws of the United States relating to patents, trademarks, and copyrights shall have the same force and effect in the District of Columbia as shall have the same jurisdiction in cases arising under such laws as is specified by the laws of the District of Columbia.'"

The Chairman remarked that he would like to see some more participation in the work of the committee, and that some more information would be improved when they go in Committee.

Item 15, "A Law to establish a special court for the purpose of hearing appeals."

Member Patterson moved to sponsor the bill and the 30-day clause be inserted. The vote was taken by roll call, as follows:

Item 16, "A Law to establish quarantine regulations in the Hawaiian Islands."

Member Brown moved to sponsor the bill, giving the 30-day clause.

The vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Item 17, "A Law to establish uniform criminal procedure in the Hawaiian Islands."

This item was held for further information.

Item 18, "A Law to establish a workmen's compensation system in the Hawaiian Islands."

The Chairman declared the hour for adjournment.

A discussion followed by members Kean, Schiffer, Pedro, Porewsky, and the Chairman.

Members Schiffer and Pedro moved to waive the 30-day clause and to sponsor the bill.

The vote was taken and carried.

Item 19, "A Law to create a Virgin Islands Home Guard, eligible to receive financial assistance from the United States Treasury Authority."

Member Porewsky moved to sponsor the bill and the 30-day clause be waived.

The vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Item 20 "A law to regulate navigation in the Virgin Islands and to protect life and property at sea."

Members Schiffer and Penning moved to sponsor the bill and the 30-day clause be waived.

The vote was taken, all voted in favor.

Item 21 "A law to amend Section 10 of the Constitution and to safeguard the finances of the Government by limiting the number of meetings for which compensation is paid to members of the Municipal Councils or Committees thereof to not more than three (3) each month, or to provide salaries for members."

A discussion followed on item 21 by members Schiffer, Penning, Joseph, Kean, and the Chairman.

Item 22, "A Resolution, to petition Congress to amend Section 7 of the Organic Act to authorize the Legislative Assembly to elect Speakers of the House."

Members Porewsky and Doran discussed the item.

Item 23, "A Resolution petitioning the Congress to continue in effect the benefits of the Sugar Act, 1938 for labor in the Virgin Islands."

A discussion followed by members Kean, Joseph, Schiffer, Doran, Penning, Porewsky, Pedro and the Chairman.

The Assembly by a vote of 7 in favor, 5 against, granted permission to the Chairman to report the bill.

The Chairman declared the Assembly recessed at 12:10 P. M. to resume work in Committee of the Whole at 2:00 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly was reconvened at 1:00 o'clock A. M. Tuesday, December 5, 1939.

The following communication was read: Letter dated December 5, 1939, to the Chairman of the Legislative Assembly from Governor Lawrence H. H. H. stating that he had appointed the Honorable [Name] to represent him at the Assembly.

The House proceeded with Item, "A Bill [Name] Proposed by member [Name]. (See Bill in printed Declaration record page 14-17.) The bill was read.

The proponent introduced the bill. It was discussed by members, [Name], [Name], [Name], [Name], [Name], [Name] and the Chairman.

It was moved by member [Name] and seconded by member [Name] that the bill be closed.

The motion was put to the vote with the result that 10 members voted in favor, none opposed.

The first discussion was [Name] closed.

The Assembly was declared recessed by the Chairman.

The Assembly reconvened on Tuesday, December 5, at 10:00 o'clock P. M.

Item 2 of the Order of the Day was taken up, "A Bill to regulate navigation in the Virgin Islands and to provide for the [Name] of [Name] proposed by member [Name]."

The bill was read in full. (See bill in printed Declaration record page 22.)

The proponent made his introductory remarks.

It was discussed by members [Name], [Name], [Name], [Name] and the Chairman.

Member [Name] moved - seconded by member [Name] that the bill be closed.

The vote was taken and carried.

provide for licensing of persons engaged in the Practice of Medicine, Surgery, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Veterinary Medicine, Optometry, Massage, Nursing, and other systems of treatment of Injuries or Diseases in the Virgin Islands and for other purposes. Proposed by member Gorsch.

The bill was read in full (See bill or printed matter record page 25 - 27.)

The proponent introduced his measure.

It was discussed by members Schiffer, Kiany, Johansen, Golden, Rymer, and the Chairman.

It was moved by member Gorsch and second member Fleming that the discussion be closed.

The vote was taken with the result of all in

favor. They proceeded next with Item 4, "A law to provide a pension system for the permanent officials and employees of the Municipal Government." Proposed by member of the U.S.A.

The Secretary read part of the bill as printed in record page 28.

Member Poleschuk introduced the law in detail.

It was discussed by members Johansen, The Government, and the Chairman.

A motion to close the first discussion was probably adopted.

Member Schiffer moved to waive the reading of the bill because of insufficient time.

Item 4 was taken up. "A Resolution authorizing the Congress to continue in effect the laws of the Virgin Islands, including Act of 1934, as amended in the Virgin Islands proposed by member of the U.S.A."

The bill was read in full. After which the proponent made his introduction, and moved.

It was discussed by members of the Government, and the Chairman.

Member Poleschuk introduced the law in detail.

The Assembly was declared recessed by the Chairman.

The Assembly reconvened on Friday, Dec 2, at 10:00 o'clock A.M.

All members were present, also the Honorable Robert M. Lovett.

The Chairman declared the Assembly session and remarked that items to be taken out of Committee of the Whole will be taken up.

The Secretary read communications received from the Governor.

The first item was taken up by the Chairman "The School Law for the Virgin Islands."

Member ^{Schiff} introduced the law.

It was discussed by members Messrs. Bouch, Golden, Schiff, the Governor, and the Chairman.

It was moved and seconded that the Assembly recess to consider Amendments to the School Law.

The vote was taken and unanimously carried.

The Assembly recessed until 2:00 o'clock P.M.

The Assembly reconvened at 2:00 o'clock P.M.

Discussion of the School Law continued on the resumption of session.

Member Bouch made an amendment to the bill of the School Law.

The amendment was adopted by the Assembly.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education be authorized to prepare a report on the School Law.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education be authorized to prepare a report on the School Law. The vote was taken and unanimously carried. The Assembly adjourned until the next session.

The Secretary read the bill in full.

Member Gorsch moved that the section be adopted as read.

The vote was taken on the bill, as amended by roll call with the following results:

Hon. Roberts - - - Yes
 " Seathery - - - Yes
 " Gaiswinsky - - - Yes
 " Schiffert - - - Yes
 " Johansen - - - Yes

Hon. Brown - - - Yes
 " Kern - - - Yes
 " Phymmer - - - Yes
 " Joseph - - - Yes

The School Law was adopted by a vote.

The Assembly adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

The Assembly reconvened on Monday, November 11, 1939, at 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

The Secretary read a letter received from the Governor.

Item 2 on the Order of the Day was taken up. "Draft of Law to regulate navigation in the harbors and to protect life and property at sea."

The Secretary read the bill in full.

Member Gorsch moved that they go into committee and pass upon each section by majority vote.

The motion was put to the House and unanimously adopted.

A recess was declared by the Chairman.

Upon the resumption of session, member Schiffert moved adoption of Bill No. 2.

Member Gorsch seconded the motion.

The motion was voted upon by roll call. All members voted yes.

The Assembly adjourned to reconvene at 2:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

The Acting Governor and Mr. Morris F. de Castro were also present.

Bill No. 3 was proceeded with, "Draft of Amendment to the Electoral Law."

The Secretary read the draft in full.

Amendments were made by member Rhysaer.

Member Schipper moved that the amendments be adopted.

Member Pido seconded the motion.

The vote was taken on the motion as follows:

Pido	Yea	Don Johansen	Yea
Rhysaer	Yea	" Brown	Yea
" Brown	Yea	" Kern	Yea
" Kern	Yea	" Rhysaer	Yea
" Rhysaer	Yea	" Joseph	Yea
" Joseph	Yea		

The bill was declared passed by the Chamber.

Bill No. 7, "Draft of Law to determine judicial authority in case of insanity and to provide for the admission and discharge of patients in the insane asylum," proposed by the Committee of the Whole.

The Secretary read the draft.

A motion was made by member Johansen seconded by member Pido that the bill be adopted as read and amended.

The vote was taken by roll call as follows:

Pido	Yea	Don Johansen	Yea
Rhysaer	Yea	" Brown	Yea
" Brown	Yea	" Kern	Yea
" Kern	Yea	" Rhysaer	Yea
" Rhysaer	Yea	" Joseph	Yea
" Joseph	Yea		

The bill was declared adopted to be sent to the Governor.

The Board of Directors constituted the committee on the subject of the proposed law, and the members of the committee are as follows:

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Mr. LIONEL A. ROBERTS
Chairman

Ralph Piewonsky
Secretary

Explanatory Note of Break in Record

A Resume of Minutes of the 1940 Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands was not protocolized in this Journal of Proceedings for the reason that, as incumbent of the position of assistant to the Municipal Council of Thomas & St John, from March, 1941, I have not been able to locate it either in the files of the Council and the Government or in my office or elsewhere. The summary of the session of 1941, therefore, immediately follows that of the session of 1939.

Summary

Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the U. S.
5th 1941 Session

The 1941 Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the United States, was held at the Municipal Council's Chamber, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, Friday, November 14, 1941 to November 21, 1941.

The Assembly was called to order by the Chairman (Hon. Hamilton Jackson). The respective Aldermen of both Councils presented the credentials of their Members. The following were handed in. St. Thomas and St. John:

- Hon. Ralph Paimonahys, First Member-at-Large.
- Hon. Erna B. Brown, Second Member-at-Large.
- Hon. Leonard Ryan, First Member for the Town of St. John.
- Hon. Waldemar A. Hill, Second Member for the Town of St. John.
- Hon. Ray C. Gordon, First Member of the County District.
- Hon. Julius Sprauve, Member from the Island of St. John.
- Hon. St. Croix;

- Hon. E. Hamilton Jackson, Member at-Large.
- Hon. Joseph Alexander, Second Member for Christendom.
- Hon. Robert B. Fleming, First Member for Christendom.
- Hon. William Johnson, First Member for Christendom.
- Hon. Cornelius Penning, Second Member Christendom.
- Hon. Isaac Rogers, First Member for Christendom.
- Hon. Percy Barker, Second Member for County District.

The Chairman remarked that the names that were called were entitled to sit and vote in the Assembly. He called the names of the 1st Member for Christendom (Erna Brown) and the 2nd Member for Christendom (Waldemar Hill). The names of the 1st and 2nd Members for Christendom were not called; they were suspended by the St. John's Council, and until they have complied with the decision of that body, they could not sit and vote in the Assembly.

A lengthy discussion followed on the suspension of members. It was decided without a division. See Minutes Typewritten page 1-2.

A vote was then taken by the members on the suspension of the members.

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Chairman Pro. Tem. The Roll was called by the Secretary. Seven Members of the St. Croix County answered present to their names. The Chair then declared the Legislative Assembly adjourned until Monday morning, November 17, at 11:00 for lack of a quorum.

Reconvened At 11:00 A.M. Monday

Present were: Hon. D. Hamilton Jackson, Chairman, Pro. Tem.
Hon. Morris H. de Castro, Commissioner of Agriculture
Mr. Stuart French, Executive Assistant to the Governor

The Legislative Assembly was called to order by the Chairman Pro. Tem. He being the only member present, he declared the Assembly adjourned until ten o'clock p.m.

Reconvened At 2:00 P.M. Monday

The Legislative Assembly was called to order by the Chairman Pro. Tem. The Secretary called the Roll as follows:

Hon: Ralph Quiwanchy	---	Absent	Hon: Joseph A. [unclear]	
"	Amos Neave	Present	"	Frank Rogers
"	Emory Brown	Present	"	Charles Pythons
"	Valdemar P. Hill	Absent	"	William Johnson
"	Ray P. Gordon	Absent	"	Percy Gardner
"	Julius Sprague	Present	"	S. F. [unclear]
			"	D. Hamilton Jackson

Member Gordon arriving at this time, recommended that they recess for about fifteen minutes.

The Chairman then declared adjournment for fifteen minutes.

Reconvened At 2:15 P.M. Monday

There being no quorum present, the Chairman then declared the Assembly in recess. He told the Members that matters had come up that made it necessary for an extra Committee to determine fully as to what should be the procedure in the future. He then made a report to the audience for putting the Assembly in recess by stating everything and saying

that the members made up. Member Neave to go into the other side of the hall. A motion was made by Mr. [unclear] that the motion was put to the Chairman with the result of [unclear]

The Chairman declared the Assembly in recess in Committee of the Whole, until further notice.

Reconvened At 5:30 P.M. Monday

The Assembly was reconvened by the Chairman pro tem. The Secretary called the roll, which revealed 13 members present.

The Chairman then declared Members Canoll and Abrahamson of the St. Croix Council, members of the Legislative Assembly, entitled to sit and vote, having made satisfactory apologies to the Members of the St. Croix Council and these apologies were accepted by them.

The Secretary was directed by the Chairman to call the names of Hons. Canoll and Abrahamson. This was done and both members answered present to their names.

A discussion followed by Members Hill, Bratton, and the Chairman, on the admission of the two new members.

The Chairman pro tem. proceeded with the organization of the Assembly.

Ballots were prepared for the nomination of a Chairman. 15 members voted. The Secretary read the ballots to the house; D. Hamilton Jackson received 8 votes and Joseph Alexander received 7 votes; Hons. D. Hamilton Jackson was announced Chairman of the Legislative Assembly.

He thanked the Members for the confidence expressed and reposed in him.

After proceeding next with the election of a Vice Chairman 15 ballots were cast; the Secretary read the votes as follows: Hons. Ralph Brimworthy, received 9 votes; Edward Reine received 5 votes; and Owen Brown received 1 vote.

Ralph Brimworthy was declared Vice Chairman of the Legislative Assembly. He in turn thanked the members for expressing confidence in him.

Next came the election of Secretary. The Secretary read the ballots to the house. Hons. William Johnson received 10 votes and there were two blank votes.

Mr. Johnson then thanked the members.

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Assistant Secretary. 14 ballots were cast, Hon. Wald A. Hill received 12; Omar Brown 1 and Roy P. Gordon.

Mr. Hill thanked the Members who voted for him and said he hope to live up to their expectations.

An informal discussion concerning invitation of the Administration & Congratulation of elected officers followed by the Chairman, members Fleming, Davis and Johansen. The Chairman declared the Assembly adjourned until 10:00 o'clock Tuesday.

Reconvened At 10:00 A.M. Tuesday

The Assembly was reconvened by the Chairman. The Roll Call revealed 13 members present and two absent. The Honorable Robert M. Lovett, Acting Governor of the Virgin Islands, and Mrs. Stewart French, Executive Assistant to the Governor were present as representatives of the Executive Branch of Government.

Before the Chairman proceeded with the business of the Assembly, Member Brown called his attention to Section 4 of the Rules of Business, which says that officers of the Legislative Assembly shall be elected by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present.

The Chairman declared that it was the first time he had seen the Rules, and he was not legally elected as Chairman, as he only received 8 votes. He then declared a few minutes recess.

The Assembly resumed session at 11:00 a.m. The Chairman Mr. Hill proceeded with the election of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

13 ballots were cast, Hon. D. Hamilton Jackson received 8 votes and there were 2 blank votes. Hon. Jackson then thanked the members for electing him for the second time.

The election of Vice Chairman was as follows: 13 ballots were cast, Hon. Ralph J. Humphrey received 12 votes and Omar Brown 1 vote. members Humphrey again thanked the members for their election.

The Secretary then read the Proclamation of the Governor in full. (See accompanying paper 25-31, 2nd page) The members then proceeded to the Governor's Proclamation. (See accompanying paper 25-31, 2nd page) The members then proceeded to the Governor's Proclamation. (See accompanying paper 25-31, 2nd page)

Acting Governor then delivered his address.

discussion followed by the Chairman and Member Alexander, on payment of bill of the Art Shop for publishing proceedings of 1939 and 1940 Assembly sessions.

A motion was made by Member Alexander that the matter referred to by the correspondence be left in abeyance. Member Fleming seconded the motion. The motion was put to the vote, eleven members were in favor.

Member Alexander then moved adjournment, member Brown seconded. The motion was put to the vote by the Chairman, all were in favor. The Chairman then declared the Assembly adjourned until 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday.

Reconvened At 2:00 P.M. Tuesday

The Assembly was reconvened by the Chairman. Roll call was called and 12 members answered present to the roll call. Representing the Executive Branch were from Habit of Law and Mr. Stewart French.

A motion was made by Member Brown to waive the time limit during which copies of bills should be received from the Administration. The motion was seconded by Member Jordan, and was carried by all in favor.

Item 1 was moved by member Brown to be held in abeyance and that item 2 be proceeded with. Member Brown seconded the motion. The motion was carried by all in favor.

Item 2. Amendment to the Habit Law. Mr. Jordan moved to sponsor item 2.

Member Fleming moved that item 2 be held in abeyance. Member Jordan seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Member Jordan moved that section 2 (b) of the Habit Law be amended. Member Brown seconded. It was carried by all in favor.

Bill no. 5. A law to Establish a Uniform Building Code was sponsored by member Johnson.

Item No. 6. A law to provide for the issuing of licenses to engage in the practice of medicine and surgery, was sponsored by member Hall.

In connection with Item 8. A law to provide for the

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and to Provide for the Admission and Discharge of Patients in the Brame Asylum, member Brown moved that the thirty-day limit in the Rules waived, and the law be sponsored by the Hon. Hamilton Jackson. Member Johnson seconded the motion was carried by all in favor.

Item 12. Amendment to the Election Law. Member Piewonsky moved that thirty-day limit continued as by Section 2 (b) of the Rules be waived. He also moved to sponsor the bill.

A discussion on the propriety of waiving Section 2 (b) of the Rules of Business followed by members, Alexander, Fleming, Brown, Hill, the Acting Chairman, and the Chairman.

At the close of this discussion Mr. Piewonsky's motion was unanimously adopted.

Item 13 was then taken up. Unanimous consent was given member Piewonsky to sponsor a bill. A Law to amend a law to promulgate Navigational Port Inspection and safety Laws at local application in the Virgin Islands of the United States, and for other purposes, approved Jan. 20, 1940. Member Piewonsky moved that a committee of five members be elected to draft amendments to the Rules of Procedure. Member Brown seconded. The motion was put to the vote with the result of unanimous consent.

An informal discussion followed on the procedure to be followed in considering the bill.

Member Piewonsky then moved that a recess be given for ten minutes. Member Brown seconded. The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

Member Jordan here registered certain objection to the procedure.

On the resumption of session member Jordan moved that the debate law Amendment be read. This was seconded by member Piewonsky. The motion was put to the vote, 9 members voted in favor, member Jordan voted against.

A discussion followed by member Jordan, Hill, Piewonsky, followed by the Acting Chairman, and the Chairman. The number of votes considered sufficient to carry the motion.

The debate Law was then read by the secretary.

It was then moved that all interested persons be invited to the

discussion and give information, be permitted to come, before the law is sent to Committee of the Whole.

Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion was put to the vote, and carried unanimously.

A lengthy discussion followed on the general text of the proposed law. Members Brown, Hill, Paimon, Keen, Gordon, Abrahamson, Harding the Acting Governor & the Chairman elaborated on the bill.

A motion was made by member Gordon, that the discussion be closed, and the bill be sent to the Committee of the Whole.

Member Paimon seconded the motion. It was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

The Chairman proceeded with the next item, "A Law to Establish a Uniform Building Code".

Member Harding moved that the reading be suspended by unanimous vote. Member Johnson seconded. The motion was put to the vote; 3 were in favor; 2 against. The motion was lost.

The Secretary and Assistant Secretary read the bill alternately.

A lengthy discussion followed on the general text of the bill. Member Gordon moved that the bill be sent to the Committee of the Whole. Member Abrahamson seconded. The vote showed 4 members in favor and 4 opposed.

The Assembly was adjourned by member Gordon until 8:30 o'clock the same day. Member Hill seconded. The motion was put to the vote. 12 were in favor; 1 against.

An informal discussion followed by members Brown, Paimon, Gordon and the Chairman. The Chairman then declared the Assembly recessed until 8:30 o'clock.

The Assembly was reconvened at 8:30 by the Vice Chairman (Robert Paimon).

The Secretary called the roll; 12 members were present. Hon. Robert M. Hill, Acting Governor of the Virgin Islands, was also present.

The Vice Chairman proceeded with item 7, "A Law to provide for the licensing of persons engaged in the practice of medicine, etc."

The bill was read 1st time.

Governor then made a few remarks.

A discussion on the general text of the bill followed by Member Hill, Brown, Gordon, and the Acting Governor.

A motion was made by member Gordon and seconded by member Johansen, that the first discussion be closed and the bill be sent to the Committee of the Whole.

The motion was put to the vote, with the result of all in favor.

The Secretary read the proposed bill on item 8. "Amendment to the Law to Provide for the Admission of patients to the Insane Asylum, etc." It was discussed by the Acting Governor, the Vice-Chairman, member Gordon, Brown, Hill, & Rydander.

Member Hill then moved that the discussion be closed. Member Brown seconded. The motion was put to the vote all concurring. The bill was sent to Committee.

Items 9, 10, & 11 were not prepared & forwarded by the Administration.

Member Brown moved that the reading of Item 12 be waived, and the bill be sent to the Committee of the Whole. Member Gordon seconded. The motion was put to the vote resulting a unanimous vote in favor.

The next item, "A Law to amend, A Law to promulgate, Navigation, Boat Inspection and Safety Laws of Local Application in the Virgin Islands of the United States and for other purposes" was then presented with by the Vice-Chairman. The Secretary read the amendments offered to the Navigation Law of the Virgin Islands.

The Acting Governor made remarks on this Law. He also read letters from Mr. Wm. S. Taylor, Acting Secretary of Commerce, and his wife.

The Vice-Chairman then made a few comments, after which a discussion on the content of the bill followed by members Rydander, Brown, Rydander, Rydander, and Rydander.

The Acting Governor made remarks on this Law. He also read letters from Mr. Wm. S. Taylor, Acting Secretary of Commerce, and his wife.

was put to the vote by the Chairman. All were in favor. (See Verbatim transcript pages 77-88)

Discussion continued by members Alexander, Hill and the Chairman. Member Hill moved that the Assembly recess until 10:00 o'clock. Member Spence seconded the motion. The motion was put to the vote. All were in favor.

The Legislative Assembly remained in Committee of the Whole from November 18, 1941 at 10:45 P.M. to November 21, 1941, at 9:00 P.M., during which time business agenda of the laws they intended to pass was prepared.

The Assembly resumed session at 9:00 P.M. Tuesday November 21, The Chairman presiding. The Secretary called the Roll. All members ^{were} present except Hon. Robert W. Fleming.

Also present were:

Honorable Robert M. Loretz, Acting Governor of the U. S.

Mr. Morris D. de Castro, Commissioner of Finance.

Mr. Stewart French, Executive Assistant to the Governor.

Mr. Jacob A. Kotler, Assistant to the Government Secretary.

The Chairman proceeded with the order of the day.

The first item, Amendment to the School Law, was taken up.

Mr. Hill the proponent of the bill read it in full. He in turn introduced his bill to the members.

A discussion followed and member Poirerich moved that the remarks of Mr. Hill be incorporated in the report of the Committee of the Whole. Member Johnson seconded. The motion was put to the vote, with the result of ten in favor; none against.

Member Brown then made comments on the bill.

Member Hill made some amendments to the bill that were unanimously carried.

The Governor then made a few remarks and read the last two sections of the Organic Act, from the Department of the Interior which stated the reasons why the Administration could not accept the bill.

A lengthy discussion followed by Members Carroll Poirerich Brown, the Chairman and the Acting Governor on the policy of the Assembly in regard to the bill.

Member Hill moved to close the discussion on the Draft of Law to adopt the School Law.

Member ^{Johnson} seconded the motion. The vote showed all in favor. (See Verbatim record pages 89-114)

Item 2 was then taken up. Amendment to the Law to determine jurisdiction in cases of Piracy.

The Chairman being the proponent of the bill, gave the Chair over to the Vice Chairman.

The Secretary read the bill in full. The proponent introduced his measure to the members.

There being no discussion, member Johansen moved the reports as read be adopted. Member Hill seconded.

The motion was put to the vote and was unanimously carried. Member Hill then moved that the discussion be closed. This was seconded by member Brown, and carried by all in favor.

Member Hill again moved that the bill as reported out by Committee be adopted by the House. Member Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Twelve members present voted yes for the adoption of the bill.

The Chairman asked the Vice-Chairman to continue to preside with the remaining portion of the Order of the Day.

Amendment to the Election Law, was then taken up, which was submitted by the Committee of the Whole.

The Secretary read the amendments in full. A unanimous vote carried the adoption of the report.

Member Johansen then moved that the discussion on the Committee's Report be closed. Member Brown seconded the motion.

The motion was put to the vote and was carried by a unanimous vote.

Member Brown moved to have the amendments adopted, and member Johansen seconded the motion. The motion was put to the vote, and was carried by all in favor.

The Assistant called the roll for a yes and nay vote, 12 members present answered yes.

The Vice Chairman proceeded with Item 4, "A Law to Amend a Law to Regulate Navigation, Boat Inspections and Safety Laws of Local Application in the Virgin Islands of the United States, and for other purposes, approved January 25, 1940, sponsored by the Committee of the Whole."

The Secretary read the Law. It was discussed by the Vice Chairman and the Acting Governor.

Member Brown moved to have the Committee's report adopted in its amended form. Judge Jackson seconded the motion.

The vote showed all were in favor.

Judge Jackson then moved that the discussion be closed. Member Brown seconded. The motion was put to the vote, with the result of all favorable.

A motion was made by member Brown to have the Law adopted in its amended form. This was seconded by member Johnson; put to the vote and carried unanimously.

The Assistant called the roll for a yes and nay vote. 12 members present (all) answered yes to the motion.

The Vice Chairman proceeded with Item 5, "A Law to Amend a Law to Regulate Navigation, Boat Inspections and Safety Laws of Local Application in the Virgin Islands of the United States, and for other purposes, approved January 25, 1940, sponsored by the Committee of the Whole."

credited to the Municipal Treasurers of the Government of the Virgin Islands? Sponsored by the Committee of the Whole.

The Secretaries read the Resolution in full.

A discussion followed by the Vice Chairman, members Brown, Alexander and Hill.

Member Gordon moved that the discussion be closed, Judge Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was put to the vote with all in favor.

A motion was made by member Hill to have the resolution adopted. The motion was seconded by member Gordon.

All voted in favor of the motion, to adopt the draft of resolution.

The Yeas and Nays vote was recited by the House, 12 members present answered Yeas to their names.

The Draft of Resolution on Item 6 was read by the Secretary "Resolution to Enlarge the Wage Scale of Federal Agencies conducting Property in the Virgin Islands." sponsored by the Committee of the Whole.

Mr Hill introduced the resolution and read the third paragraph in the preamble of the resolution.

A lengthy discussion followed by members Gordon, Patten, Brown, Hill, Alexander, Johnson, Judge Jackson, Alexander Gordon and the Vice Chairman on the benefit of the bill on the Virgin Islands.

Member Johnson moved that the discussion be closed. Judge Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was put to the vote. All voted in favor.

A motion was made by member Brown to adopt the resolution. It was seconded by member Gordon, and all voted in favor.

Chief Clerk called for the adoption of the bill. The House voted 12-0 in favor of the bill. The bill was adopted.

The Vice Chairman presented with him a Resolution to Petition the Department of the Interior for the Consolidation of the Federal Employees of the Federal Government in the Virgin Islands. The resolution was sponsored by the Committee of the Whole. The draft was read by the Secretaries.

Member Gordon introduced the draft. It was discussed by members Hill.

Member Johnson moved that the discussion be closed. Judge Jackson seconded the motion. All were in favor of closing the discussion.

A motion was made by member Hill that the resolution be adopted. It was seconded by member Gordon. The motion was put to the vote with the result 12-0 in favor.

The Roll was called by the President. 12 members answered to their names.

Item 7. "Resolution to petition Congress of the United States to limit the extension of the Sugar Cane Plantation to the P. O."

Sponsored by the Committee of the Whole.

The Secretaries read the bill in full.

Member Whancey introduced the bill. It was discussed by members Penney, Alexander, Carroll and the Vice Chairman.

Judge Jackson moved that the discussion be closed. The Whancey seconded. The vote showed All in favor.

Member Gardine then moved that the resolution be adopted. This was seconded by Judge Jackson.

The motion was put to the vote, and was carried by All in favor.

The Yes and Nay vote was recited by the Assistant, with the result of 13 members present answered yes to their names.

The last item on the order of the day item 20, was taken up, "Resolution acknowledging the obligation incurred for printing and publishing proceedings of the Legislative Assembly for 1909 and 1910." Sponsored by the Committee of the Whole.

Judge Jackson presented the views of the Committee of the Whole. It was discussed by member Gordon and Judge Jackson.

Member Gordon moved to close the discussion. Member Whancey seconded. This was carried by All in favor.

A motion was made by member Gardine that the resolution be adopted. This was seconded by member Gordon.

The motion was put to the vote and carried by 9 in favor.

The Yes and Nay vote was recited by the Assistant. 13 members were present; 9 voted yes, 2 nay and 2 abstained.

Judge Jackson moved that the Chairman of the Legislative Assembly be authorized to pay for the manuscripting of 2,000 copies of the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly for distribution, 1,500 copies each to St. Thomas and 500 copies to St. John.

Member Brown seconded the motion. This was put to the vote by the Vice Chairman and carried by a unanimous vote.

Judge Jackson moved that the Chairman be allowed to have the Jointure sign a voucher for \$10.00 for her services rendered there.

This motion was seconded by member Brown and was carried by a unanimous vote.

A general discussion before adjournment by member Gordon Brown, Penney and the Vice Chairman then followed.

The Chairman, D. Hamilton Jackson occupied the chair over many. He then thanked the Chairman of the Legislative Assembly for the care of business which he had recently shown him. He then spoke of his colleagues and asked members of the Assembly to be more active in the work of the Assembly.

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pleased they were to offer all the facilities they had available for the proper functioning of the Assembly.

The members of both Councils expressed their sincere thanks and appreciation.

The Legislative Assembly was moved for adjournment by member Parishoway. Member Johansen recorded the motion.

The Chairman declared the Legislative Assembly adjourned.

Adjourned at 5:27 a.m. Saturday,
November 22, 1941, A.D.

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H. D. Hamilton Jackson
Chairman

W. William Johansen
Secretary

Summary

Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the U. S.

6th 1942 Session

The 1942 session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the United States was held at the Municipal Council Chambers, Charlotte Amalie, St. John, Virgin Islands, from September 30, 1942, at 10:00 a.m., to Friday, October 2, 1942 at 6:30 p.m.

The Assembly was called to order by the Acting Chairman (Hon. Hamilton Jackson). The respective Chairmen of the Councils presented the credentials of their members. The following members were able to participate in the session:

(1) From the Municipal Council of St. John and St. John:

Hon. Ralph Parishoway, First Member at Large.
Hon. Oscar Brown, Second Member at Large.
Hon. Leonard Henry, First Member for the District.
Hon. Valdemar J. Kelly, Second Member for the District.
Hon. Roy C. Jordan, First Member for the District.
Hon. Frederick Brown, Second Member for the District.
Hon. William Johansen, Member for the District.

(2) From the Municipal Council of St. John:

Hon. William Johansen, First Member at Large.
Hon. Oscar Brown, Second Member at Large.
Hon. Leonard Henry, First Member for the District.
Hon. Valdemar J. Kelly, Second Member for the District.
Hon. Roy C. Jordan, First Member for the District.
Hon. Frederick Brown, Second Member for the District.
Hon. William Johansen, Member for the District.

Hon. Cornelius Oenteny, Second Member for Christiansted Country District
 Hon. Isaac Boyner, First Member for Frederiksted Country District
 Hon. Percy Cardine, Second Member for Frederiksted Country District

The Acting Chairman declared the Assembly in session. He stated that the mimeographing of the minutes of the last meeting of the Assembly is completed and may be in their hands before the session closes.

The following correspondence was then read by the ^{Acting} Secretary:

1. Letter dated July 31, 1942, to the Chairman of the Legislative Assembly, from Hon. Robert M. Loyett, transmitting a call for a meeting of the Legislative Assembly to be held on September 30, 1942, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.; in addition was transmitted twenty (20) mimeographed copies of the call.
2. Letter dated August 3, 1942, to the Chairman of the Legislative Assembly, from Hon. Robert M. Loyett, stating that at the last meeting of the Legislative Assembly a copy of the call was passed, and, noted; requesting an opinion from the Solicitor of the Department in regard to this matter; a copy was also enclosed.
3. Letter dated August 6, 1942, to Hon. R. L. B. Jackson, from Hon. J. Hamilton Jackson transmitting eight (8) mimeographed copies of the Governor's Call for the Legislative Assembly to take place on September 30, 1942, at 10:00 a. m. Also a request to circulate the call among the Members.
4. Letter dated August 6, 1942, to Hon. Robert M. Loyett, from Hon. J. Hamilton Jackson stating that the letter of July 31, 1942, was received on August 5, 1942, informing that the call of the Legislative Assembly had been issued; also transmitting twenty (20) mimeographed copies of said call.
5. Letter dated August 7, 1942, to Hon. Robert M. Loyett, from Hon. J. Hamilton Jackson stating that letter dated August 3, 1942, concerning the opinion of the Solicitor of the Department in relation with regard to the provisions of the School Law was received on August 6, 1942.
6. Letter dated August 7, 1942, to Hon. Jacob Alexander, from Hon. J. Hamilton Jackson enclosing the enclosure of a copy of letter from the Acting Governor enclosing the opinion of the Solicitor of the Department of the Attorney General concerning the School Law; also asking that said letter be forwarded to members of the Council.
7. Letter dated September 1, 1942, to Hon. J. Hamilton Jackson, from the Acting Governor transmitting the call for the meeting of the Legislative Assembly on September 30, 1942, at 10:00 o'clock a. m. and enclosing the minutes of the last meeting of the Assembly.
8. Letter dated September 1, 1942, to Hon. J. Hamilton Jackson, from the Acting Governor transmitting the call for the meeting of the Legislative Assembly on September 30, 1942, at 10:00 o'clock a. m. and enclosing the minutes of the last meeting of the Assembly.
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10. Letter dated September 1, 1942, to Hon. J. Hamilton Jackson, from the Acting Governor transmitting the call for the meeting of the Legislative Assembly on September 30, 1942, at 10:00 o'clock a. m. and enclosing the minutes of the last meeting of the Assembly.

amending his call for the Legislative Assembly by adding to the agenda a draft of Ordinances concerning people or property; also requesting that this matter be mimeographed and sent to members of the Council; The Executive Minutes of the last Legislative Assembly were sent, requesting that several thousand mimeographed copies be made in time for the opening of the meeting of September 30.

10. Letter dated September 12, 1942 to Hon. Joseph Alexander, from D. Hamilton Jackson forwarding a copy of letter as stated above; also transmitting a copy of draft letter with reply to the Governor as this stated.
11. Letter dated September 30, 1942 to the Chairman of the Legislative Assembly from the Acting Governor, transmitting an amended call for the Legislative Assembly meeting to be held on September 30, 1942; also transmitting (20) mimeographed copies of this call.
12. Letter dated September 22, 1942 to the Chairman of the Leg. Assembly from Joseph Alexander, listing the names of members that are eligible to sit and vote in the Municipal Council of St. Croix.
13. Letter dated September 20, 1942 to the Chairman of the Leg. Assembly from the Acting Governor, transmitting a call further amending the agenda of the Leg. Assembly also transmitting twenty (20) mimeographed copies of the call.
14. Letter dated Sept. 21, 1942, to Hon. Ralph P. Newberry, from D. Hamilton Jackson stating the enclosure of eight (8) mimeographed copies of the amended call for the Governor for the meeting of the Legislative Assembly, scheduled for September 22, 1942.
15. Letter dated Sept. 28, 1942 to Hon. Robert M. Dorris, from Hon. D. Hamilton Jackson concerning receipt of letter dated September 25 transmitting amended call for the meeting of the Leg. Assembly together with twenty (20) mimeographed copies of the call.
16. Letter dated Sept. 28, 1942 to Hon. Alexander, from D. Hamilton Jackson, stating the enclosure of eight (8) mimeographed copies of the amended call for the Governor.
17. Letter dated September 28, 1942 to Hon. Robert Dorris, from Hon. D. Hamilton Jackson, acknowledging receipt of letter of September 25, 1942, transmitting a call for further amendment of the agenda of the Legislative Assembly together with twenty (20) copies of the letter to the Acting Governor for his attention.
18. Letter dated September 28, 1942 to Hon. Joseph Alexander, from D. Hamilton Jackson, transmitting a call for the meeting of the Legislative Assembly on September 30, 1942.
19. Letter dated September 28, 1942 to Hon. Ralph P. Newberry, from D. Hamilton Jackson, transmitting a call for the meeting of the Legislative Assembly on September 30, 1942.
20. Letter dated September 28, 1942 to Hon. Robert Dorris, from D. Hamilton Jackson, transmitting a call for the meeting of the Legislative Assembly on September 30, 1942.

Legislative Assembly, concerning an amendment to the Election Law by the St. Croix Council, and an amendment to the laws regarding the absence of employees of the Government of the U.S. by the St. Croix Council; an extended statement from the Chairman of the St. Croix Council of St. Croix giving a list of members eligible to sit and vote in the Council who become ex-officio members of the Legislative Assembly; (where) desire to address at the evening session, convene (meetings) of the Executive, the Governor, and to explain such items on the agenda; An invitation was also extended to the Legislative Assembly to a dinner at the Grand Hotel.

21. Letter dated October 6, 1902 to the Chairman of the Legislative Assembly, from the Acting Governor, transmitting a message by radio from Governor Hammond, to the effect that the Equipment Bill had been signed by the President. After arranging in as follows:

"Equipment Bill Signed By President October 1st
 Just One More Service For One Essential
 Acquisition Balanced To Give Us Better
 Bill."

The Secretary called the roll as follows:

Ralph Rasmussen - - - - - Present
 Oscar Brown - - - - - Present
 Robert Keen - - - - - Present
 Valdemar L. Hill - - - - - Present
 Roy B. Taylor - - - - - Present
 Kenneth Rasmussen - - - - - Present
 John - - - - - Present

Hamilton Jackson - - - - - Present
 Eric Cassin - - - - - Present
 Joseph - - - - - Present
 Robert D. - - - - - Present
 Emily - - - - - Present
 Caroline - - - - - Present
 Lucas - - - - - Present
 Mary - - - - - Present

The Acting Chairman proceeded with the election of the various officers. Ballots were handed in for the election of a Chairman. 14 votes were cast. 8 Ralph Rasmussen received 12 votes, and Valdemar L. Hill received one vote.

Honorable Ralph Rasmussen was announced Chairman of the Legislative Assembly. The Acting Chairman thanked the members for the confidence they have shown him and the many past efforts during the past year.

Mr. Rasmussen expressed his appreciation to the Acting Chairman and the members and said that he considered it a great honor and privilege to be elected Chairman and hoped to be able to do the best for the Assembly.

The Acting Chairman then introduced the members of the Executive Council. To the Acting Chairman, Honorable Valdemar L. Hill, Hamilton Jackson, and Eric Cassin received 13 votes, 1 vote and 1 vote respectively. The Acting Chairman then introduced the members of the Executive Council.

Next was the election of the Secretary. 14 ballots were cast; Hons. Walden A. Hill, Julius Spauld and Omar Brown received 12, 1 and 1 votes respectively.

Honorable Walden A. Hill was declared Secretary. He in turn thanked the members and assured them that he will do his best.

They proceeded next with the election of the Assistant Secretary. 14 ballots were cast. Hons. Edwin Fleming, Percy J. Cardine, Hamilton Jackson, Emily Johnson & Will Carroll received 7, 3, 1, 2, 1 and 1 blank votes respectively.

Honorable Fleming received 7 votes out of the 14 cast. It was not a fair share of the votes; and therefore another vote had to be taken.

Member Hill moved that a recess be given. His motion was seconded by member Carroll, put to the vote and carried. There was a recess for five minutes, after which the meeting reconvened.

They proceeded with taking the ballots again for the Assistant Secretary. 13 ballots were cast, two persons did not vote, the 12 being cast for Honorable Emily Johnson.

Member Johnson announced that he did not vote. Member Alexander stated that unless the House raised an objection, he moved that they accept the election of Member Johnson as Assistant Secretary.

Member Johnson presided over the meeting. A discussion followed by member Henry Alexander and the Chairman. The motion was then put to the vote and the result of the vote was as follows:

Member Johnson was declared elected Assistant Secretary to the Legislative Assembly.

It was unanimously decided to adjourn the meeting. Even that the Secretary would not convene it. Adjourned at 2:25, 1 o'clock (p.m.).

Member Alexander moved that in case any further business that the House adjourn at 2:30 o'clock. The motion was carried by a majority of 12 to 1. The meeting adjourned.

Reconvened at 2:30 P.M. Tuesday

The Chairman proposed to the House that the Secretary submit the report of the 14 members of the House. The House then adjourned.

The Chairman addressed the House and said that the House had adjourned at 2:30 o'clock. The House then adjourned.

A lengthy discussion followed by members Alexander, Brown and Abrahamson.

Member Brown moved that a recess take place until the next day at 10:30 o'clock a.m.

The motion was seconded by member Abrahamson. It was put to the vote, and adopted unanimously.

Reconvened Pursuant to Motion October 1, 1942.

The meeting was called to order by The Chairman.

The Secretary called the Roll; 14 members were present, member Brown absent.

The Chairman on draft of resolution to petition the Congress of the United States to amend the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for a Resident Commissioner, who will be member Abrahamson.

The Chairman asked the Vice Chairman to exchange seats as he would like to express his views on the draft of resolution. They exchanged seats and member Abrahamson moved a lengthy talk on the matter.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman exchanged seats again, member Abrahamson presiding.

At this time, member Alexander expressed his view on the draft.

Member Hill moved that the discussion be closed and the draft be sent to the committee of the whole.

Member Hill seconded the motion.

The motion was put to the vote, and adopted by unanimous vote of the assembly.

The Chairman next proceeded with item 4, "Ordinance to Establish Federal District."

The Secretary read the draft of Ordinance.

The Chairman, member Abrahamson, introduced his message. He read letters received by the Acting Governor from Colonel Simpson, U. S. Army, and from Mr. Robert P. Smith of the United States Navy, pertaining to the same matter.

It was discussed by the Chairman, member Hill, member Abrahamson, member Smith and member Hill.

At this time member Abrahamson moved that the discussion be closed until 10:30 o'clock the next morning.

Member Hill seconded the motion. It was put to the vote, and adopted by unanimous vote of the assembly.

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Member Hill seconded the motion. It was put to the vote, and adopted by unanimous vote of the assembly.

Reconvened Pursuant To Motion

October 2, 1942 at 10:50 A. M.

The Assembly was reconvened by the Chairman. The Roll was called by the Secretary. 13 members were present and 2 absent.

The discussion continued on Draft of Law to Control Venereal Disease, by member Jackson, Kean, Strommen, Gordon, Alexander, Brown and Gaudine. On the motion of member Gordon, and second of member Hill, the Assembly recessed until 2:00 p. m.

Reconvened Pursuant To Motion At 2:00 P. M. Friday
October 2, 1942.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman. The Secretary called the Roll, 12 members were present and 3 absent.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman exchanged seats, Vice Chairman Alexander presiding.

A lengthy discussion on the draft of Law to Control Venereal Disease, was continued by members, Strommen, Carroll, Kean, and Jackson, Kean, Strommen, Kagan, Bentley and Gaudine.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman exchanged seats again. Member Strommen presiding.

The Chairman declared a five or ten minutes recess to give the stenographer a rest. When being no objection, the House went in recess for 10 minutes.

On the resumption of session, the next item on the agenda was taken up. "A Law Concerning the People of Ricores".

The Assistant Secretary read the proposed law.

Member Jackson sponsored the bill.

Member Alexander read a letter addressed to the former Chairman of the Legislative Assembly, from the Acting Governor, concerning the above matter.

The Chairman then read a letter addressed to him, from Hon. D. Hamilton Jackson, as chairman of the Legislative Assembly.

An informal discussion followed on the bill, by members Alexander, Kean, Jackson, Kagan, Strommen, Bentley and the Chairman.

Member Alexander moved that the matter be left in abeyance in its first reading.

Member Carroll seconded the motion. It was put to the vote. House voted upon, and accepted by unanimous showing of hands.

Member Strommen moved that a recess be given until 10:00 the following morning.

The motion was seconded by member Carroll, put to the vote, and accepted.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman. He said in closing that he was sure the members would be back to the session.

Reconvened Pursuant To Motion At 10:00 A. M. Tuesday
October 3, 1942

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman. The Assistant called the Roll: 13 members were present and 2 absent.

The Chairman proceeded with the regular business of the Assembly.

The Law concerning the Parole of Prisoners was still held in abeyance on account of the absence of the sponsor.

"Ordinance prohibiting Prostitution in the Virgin Islands" was then taken up.

The Secretary read the draft. The Chairman asked for a sponsor for the proposed law.

Member Gordon proposed the bill and stated that particular conditions were not taken care of in the Code of Laws.

An informal discussion followed by members Kean, Gordon and the Chairman.

The Chairman declared the draft opened in the first discussion. It was discussed by members Kean, Beathley, Hill, Brown, Gardine, Spence, Doyle, Abraham, Gordon and Stynes.

Member Abraham moved that the discussion be closed. Member Brown seconded the motion. At this point member Jackson joined the voting. member Brown withdrew his second.

Member Jackson expressed his point on the draft.

The motion of member Abraham was then seconded by member Brown. The motion was put to the vote and accepted unanimously by a show of hands vote.

The discussion was declared closed by the Chairman and the bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole for further deliberation and study.

Item 5 on the agenda "A Law concerning Parole of Prisoners in the Virgin Islands" was taken up on the second of the proposal.

That proposal member Jackson made his opening speech. The matter was discussed in the first discussion. It was discussed by members Kean, Hill and Jackson.

Member Brown moved that the discussion be closed. It was seconded by member Jackson. The motion was put to the vote and accepted unanimously.

The Chairman proceeded with Item 6 "Draft of Law to amend the law to regulate the place of business of the Attorney General and the Attorney General of the Virgin Islands" proposed by member Kean. The matter was discussed in the first discussion. It was discussed by members Kean, Hill and Jackson.

Member Brown moved that the discussion be closed. It was seconded by member Jackson. The motion was put to the vote and accepted unanimously.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed. The members adjourned.

Member Brown moved to adjourn until Monday. Member Penning seconded.

Member Jackson made a suggestion that they have night session order to facilitate the working people who are interested in hearing the meeting that is important to them. He then moved to adjourn until Monday Evening at 8:00 o'clock.

An informal discussion followed on the suggestion of member Jackson. By the Chairman, members Rhynes, Penning, Carroll and Ben. Member Jackson withdrew his motion.

Member Hill then moved that the Assembly recess until Monday at 10:00 o'clock.

The discussion continued by members Penning, Gordon, Rhynes, Carroll and the Chairman.

The Chairman declared, "judging from the opinions expressed that it is the consensus of the opinion of the members that they adjourned to meet on Monday at 10:00 o'clock, to adjourn at 1:00, and to reconvene on Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock."

He then declared the meeting adjourned until 10:00 a.m. Monday.

Reconvened Pursuant To Motion On Monday.

October 5, 1942, at 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman. The Secretary called the roll, 11 members were present and 4 absent.

There being no quorum present, they proceeded with the regular items on the agenda.

The Secretary was directed to read a letter received from the Governor to the Chairman of the Assembly. The Secretary read as follows:

"Letter from the Acting Governor to the Chairman of the Legislative Assembly, stating that it was his wish to introduce Item 10 on the agenda of the Assembly, the bill drawn up in Washington by Governor Harbo, to create the Virginia Islands 'Monumental Park'."

The Chairman stated his opinion on the letter received from Governor Harbo, and asked the members if they wish to make any comments.

An informal discussion followed by members Rhynes, Brown and the Chairman.

They then turned up to the Chairman, "Referring to legislation, I am going to make a motion to adjourn at 1:00 p.m. to reconvene on the 10th day of October at 8:00 p.m."

After the Secretary read the bill it was clearly introduced by the Chairman.

There was a general discussion by members Ben Hill, Carroll, Rhynes, Alexander, Gordon, and the Chairman. The Chairman suggested that the meeting be adjourned until 1:00 o'clock, and to reconvene on Monday at 8:00 o'clock.

Member Jackson moved to adjourn. Member Hill suggested that the meeting be adjourned until 1:00 o'clock, and to reconvene on Monday at 8:00 o'clock.

have a chance to listen to some discussion on the first reading of the bill.

Member Abrahamson suggested that the Governor be invited. The motion was seconded by member Gordon. It was put to the vote and all members present voted in favor.

Reconvened Pursuant To Motion At 8:00 P. M.
October 5, 1942.

The Assembly was reconvened by the Chairman.

The Roll Call showed 13 members present and 2 absent. The discussion continued on the draft of resolution to petition Congress of the United States to enact legislation to make \$10,000,000 available to subsidize Virgin Islands farmers for the duration of World War II, by members Sparrow, Heyner, Brown, Abrahamson, Carroll and Rhymer. The Chairman and Vice Chairman exchanged seats, the Vice Chairman presiding.

At this time member Sparrow expressed his opinion on the bill. Member Abrahamson moved that the discussion on the first reading be closed.

Member Gordon seconded the motion. The motion was put to the vote and was lost by 5 in favor, 7 against.

The discussion continued by members Penning, Sparrow, Brown and Gordon.

Member Sparrow moved that the first discussion be closed. Member Abrahamson seconded the motion. It was put to the vote and adopted unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was taken up. "Resolution Petitioning the United States to enact legislation to reimburse to the Virgin Islands Treasury's revenue and losses and expenses and the islands may suffer as the direct result of the war" proposed by the several members at length of the discussion.

Member Sparrow was asked to read the bill. The bill was read accordingly.

The President (member Sparrow) made his introductory remarks. It was seconded by members Sparrow, Penning, Brown, Abrahamson, Gordon and Penning. (Bill Number 100-176.)

Member Sparrow moved that the discussion be closed.

Member Abrahamson suggested that the discussion be continued until the reading of the bill is completed.

The motion was seconded by member Sparrow. It was put to the vote and was lost by 5 in favor, 7 against.

Member Sparrow moved that the discussion be closed.

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read by the secretary.

Member Jackson moved that the Assembly go in recess until the following morning at 10:00 o'clock. This motion was seconded by member Gurdine; put to the vote and adopted; member Gurdine being the only member, voted against the bill.

The meeting was declared recessed until 10:00 o'clock by the Chairman.

[Recessed At 12:15 A.M. Oct. 6, 1942.]

Reconvened Pursuant To Motion On Tuesday
October 6, 1942, At 10:00 P.M.

The Assembly was declared in session by the Chairman. Roll Call showed 11 members present and 4 absent.

An informal discussion followed on item 12, "A Law Establishing 2 Militias in the Virgin Islands," by member Gurdine, Hill, Alexander and the Chairman.

Member Jackson moved that the Chairman go and call up the Acting Governor on the telephone and request his presence to give any further information on the matter.

This was seconded by member Gurdine; put to the vote and carried. Here the Vice-Chairman took the seat. Member Jackson moved and member Hill seconded for a recess.

This motion was accepted unanimously.
The Assembly was declared in Recess.

Member Rasmussen returned from the telephone and took the Chair. On the resumption of session the Chairman told the members that the Acting Governor said "He had no further information to convey to the Assembly in connection with the draft of law, except what he had already transmitted." He stated however, "that he received a cable from Washington from the Governor recommending that the bill be suspended by him, pending further information, in order that the Assembly may have in mind the bill of some equipment bill that was recently approved by the President."

Member Abraham moved to suspend the bill.

Member Gurdine moved to recess for a few minutes and read the bill during the recess.

This motion was seconded by member Jackson; put to a show of hands vote and accepted.

After a 15 minutes recess the Assembly resumed session.

Member Rasmussen moved that the discussion be closed and session be recessed in Committee of the Whole.

Member Hill seconded the motion.

This motion was put to the vote and accepted unanimously.

Recessed At 11:15 P.M. Oct. 6, 1942.

Acting Governor. Proposed by member Hill.

The Secretary read the Committee's report on the draft of law. Member Hill submitted the report of the committee, which was favorably adopted by all.

A discussion followed by members Carroll, Penney, Kean and the Chairman.

Member Carroll moved that the discussion be closed.

Member Spawse seconded the motion. The motion was put to the vote and was unanimously carried.

The Roll was called for a Yes and Nay vote. All members present answered Yes to their names, except member Kean who abstained.

Item 3, was then proceeded with. Draft of Law concerning "Code of Prisoners." Proposed by member Judge Jackson.

The Secretary read the bill in full.

Member Jackson read the report of the Committee of the Whole. The report was favorably adopted.

Member Hill called the Chairman's attention to a typographical error in the bill.

It was discussed by members Rhynes, Kean, Gordon, Jackson and the Chairman.

Member Gordon moved that the second discussion be closed and the bill be adopted.

The motion was seconded by member Cordine; put to a vote of hands and adopted.

The Roll was called for the adoption of the bill. All members present answered Yes to their names.

Item 4 was taken up. Draft of Petition to Congress to make one million dollars (\$1,000,000) available for the Education of World War Veterans. Proposed by member Brown.

The Secretary read the Committee's report.

Member Brown submitted the Committee's report on the draft. Member Penney discussed the matter.

A typographical error was corrected by the Chairman. Member Penney moved to close the second reading on the bill and to put the bill to the vote.

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

The Roll was called for the adoption of the bill. All members present in the original Roll Call, answered Yes to their names.

They proceeded next with Item 5. Draft of Resolution to amend the Congress of the United States to restore the National Academy of Sciences. Proposed by member Brown.

The Secretary read the bill. Member Brown submitted the

Committee's report. Member Penney discussed the matter.

A typographical error was corrected by the Chairman.

Member Penney moved to close the second reading on the bill and to put the bill to the vote.

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

The Roll was called for the adoption of the bill. All members present in the original Roll Call, answered Yes to their names.

All members answered "Yes" to their names.

Before adjourning the session the Chairman expressed his sincere appreciation to the members for the very harmonious spirit that prevailed through the session, and for the cooperation shown by the members in working out the bills and resolutions which were adopted.

Member Alexander thanked the Chairman and his colleagues for the kind attention, courtesies and facilities that were placed at their disposal, and hoped that the feeling and understanding that has grown between them will continue to grow.

The members of both Councils expressed their sincere thanks and appreciation for cooperation shown each other.

The Chairman told the members of St. Croix, that the kind of the Assembly is near completion and will be sent as soon as supplies can be obtained.

A discussion followed by members Boyner, Kears, Gordon, Daulton, Alexander, Carroll and the Chairman.

Member Daulton moved that the minutes be adopted.

The Assembly voted as follows: 6 in favor, 3 against, and 2 abstaining.

The motion was therefore put to a show-of-hands vote, 6 in favor, 3 against, and 2 abstaining.

The minutes were confirmed and the copies of the minutes as soon as they are mimeographed will be sent to all the members and to the Chairman of the St. Croix Council for distribution.

Member Daulton moved that the Assembly vote on the minutes, and that a copy of the minutes of the St. Croix Council be sent to each member.

The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the Assembly.

The Assembly adjourned.

Adopted at St. Croix, N. D.,
October 2, 1924, A. D.

A. K. Kears,
Chairman

A. K. Kears,
Secretary

Summary

Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the U. S. 7th 1943 Session

The 1943 Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the United States was held at the Municipal Council's Chamber, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, Wednesday, December 1, 1943, at 10:00 A. M., to Wednesday, December 15, 1943 at 11:30 A. M.

The Assembly was called to order by the Acting Chairman (Honorable Ralph B. Brown).

The Acting Chairman asked the Secretary to read the Governor's proclamation convening the Legislative Assembly.

The Acting Secretary read as follows:

By the Governor of the Virgin Islands

A Proclamation

Convening the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands

— II —

Whereas, Section 7 of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands of the United States, approved June 22, 1936, provides that after January 1, 1937 joint sessions of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John and of the Municipal Council of St. Croix shall constitute and shall be designated the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands

And Whereas, Section 7 aforesaid further provides that the Governor shall call the Legislative Assembly at least once during each calendar year;

And Whereas, Section 7 aforesaid further provides that the Legislative Assembly shall have power to enact legislation applicable to the Virgin Islands as a whole, but no legislation shall be considered other than that specified in the message by the Governor calling such session;

Now, therefore, I, Charles Harwood, Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, by virtue of the power in me vested, do hereby convene session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands to be held at the Municipal Council's Hall, Charlotte Amalie, Wednesday, December 1, 1943 at 10:00 A. M., for consideration of matters of importance to the Virgin Islands of the United States.

(3) An Act to provide for the administration of Public Assistance and Welfare Services in the Virgin Islands of the United States.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas Virgin Islands, this thirtieth day of August, A. D., 1943

1/1 Charles Harwood
Governor of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

(Seal)

Attest:

1/1 Morris D. de Castro.
Acting Government Secretary.

By The Governor of The Virgin Islands
A. Proclamation

Amending The Agenda of The Legislative Assembly
of The Virgin Islands

Whereas, the Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, by proclamation dated August 20, 1943, convened a session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands for Wednesday, December 1, 1943, and fixed the agenda therefor;

And whereas, Section 7 of the Organic Acts of the Virgin Islands of the United States, approved June 20, 1936, provides that no legislation shall be considered by the Legislative Assembly when convened by the Governor other than that specified in the message of the Governor convening such sessions;

I now, therefore, Charles Harwood, Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, by virtue of the power vested in me, do hereby amend the aforesaid proclamation of the Governor of the Virgin Islands by adding thereto the following items for consideration:

(a) To amend the Constitution of the Virgin Islands.

(b) To amend the Constitution of the Virgin Islands.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Government
of the Virgin Islands of the United States, at Charlotte Amalie,
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, this sixth day of October, A. D.,
1943.

/s/ Charles Harwood
Governor of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

(Seal)

Attest: /s/ Morris F. de Caeste
Acting Government Secretary

The Assistant was asked to call the Roll of the members
of the Assembly. The Roll was called as follows:

Emile Abjameen - - - - - Present	Donald E. Harris - - - - - Present
Joseph Alexander - - - - - " "	Waldemar D. Hill - - - - - " "
Leaac Boyner - - - - - " "	D. Hamilton Jackson - - - - - " "
Imar Brown - - - - - " "	John S. Johnson - - - - - " "
Eric H. Carroll - - - - - " "	Cornelius S. Johnson - - - - - " "
Robert D. Fleming - - - - - Absent	Reginald R. Johnson - - - - - " "
Ray B. Gordon - - - - - Present	Julius L. Johnson - - - - - " "
Barry Hardie - - - - - " "	George Ruff - - - - - " "

[Sufficient credentials were handed in for the 16 names appearing
above.]

The Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands was declared
in session by the Acting Chairman.

Before proceeding with the first item on the order of the day
Section 4 of the Rules of Business was read by the Acting
Chairman as follows:

"At the first meeting of every calendar year, the Legislative Assembly
shall elect by two-thirds majority of members present a chairman,
vice chairman, a secretary, and an assistant secretary, provided,
however, that the incumbents of these offices shall alternate
between the two municipalities. The election of the chairman shall
be conducted by the chairman lastly acting, etc."

A discussion followed on the procedure of election of officers.
It was unanimously decided that the officers would be elected in
secret ballot.

After a Chairman was proceeded with.

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The Chairman then thanked the members for the honor conferred on him and asked for their cooperation and assistance during the meetings.

The election of a Vice Chairman then followed. Member Penhney nominated Hon. Ralph Baicubsky.

Member Carroll moved for a five minutes' recess so that the members of the Assembly may discuss the matter relative to the organization of the Assembly.

The motion was seconded by member Penhney. A discussion then followed by members Carroll, Boyer, Penhney, Abrahamson and the Chairman.

The motion was then put to a show of hands vote and was rejected by a vote of 2 in favor & against.

The Assistant collected the ballots for a Vice-Chairman. 14 ballots were handed in; Mr. Baicubsky received 13 votes and Mr. Hill 1 vote.

Member Baicubsky thanked the members for their confidence and assured them that he will do everything in his power to continue to serve as he did in the past.

Election of a Secretary was next proceeded with. 14 ballots were cast; Mr. Abrahamson received 7 votes; Mr. Carroll 5; Mr. Gardine 1, and 1 was invalid.

The Chairman asked the members to vote over for a Secretary as none of the members received the necessary number of votes.

A discussion followed by members Penhney and Boyer. 14 ballots were again cast for a Secretary. Mr. Abrahamson received 6 votes, Mr. Gardine 2, Mr. Carroll 5 and Judge Jackson 1.

Member Baicubsky moved that a recess be given for a few minutes in order to discuss and consider the question and a challenge in the election of a Secretary.

With notes were seconded by member Penhney.

The Chairman declared the motion was carried after a recess.

There was a recess for 10 minutes, after which the meeting resumed.

14 ballots were handed in for a Secretary. Mr. Carroll received 10 votes and Abrahamson 3 votes.

Ballots were passed for the election of an Assistant Secretary. 15 ballots were cast. Mr. Baicubsky received 10 votes, Mr. Hill 1 vote.

Member Baicubsky then thanked the members for their confidence.

After completing the business of the evening, the Chairman asked the members to signify the adjournment. The Chairman then adjourned the meeting to 7:30 P.M. on Monday, January 10, 1901.

Reconvened at 2:30 P. M. December 1, 1943

The Assembly was convened by the Chairman. Present at the meeting were Mr Robert M. Lovett, Executive Secretary to the Governor and Mr Morris L. de Castro, Commissioner of Finance.

The two men were introduced to the Assembly by the Chairman.

The Executive Secretary made the following Address:

Address of the Representative of the Governor of the Virgin Islands, Honorable Robert Morse Lovett, delivered at the Opening of the Executive 1943 Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands.

Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands:

I have a message from the Governor:

"Please appear at the opening session of the Legislative Assembly and express my regrets at not being able to be present personally and also extend my greetings and best wishes to the Chairman and the members of the Assembly. - Charles Harwood."

"This is, I think, the fourth time which I have stood before the members of the Assembly. On three former occasions, I have appeared as Acting Governor, representing under that title the Executive Department of the Virgin Islands. This time, as the Chairman has pointed out, I come as the Executive Assistant to the Governor.

"You know it is the custom of the British Parliament to be opened by a speech from the Throne, and I suppose that in the past, I have had the honor of occupying the Throne of the Virgin Islands. Today, I am afraid to feel that the Assembly is opened by a speech from the footstool.

"How this change has come about, I take it everyone here has heard. When I was in Washington last April, appearing before a committee of Congress, I was asked by a member what I would do if they cut my salary from the appropriations bill, and I said, perhaps innocently - but honestly, that as long as the President and the People of the Virgin Islands were satisfied with my performance, I should continue to go down Government territory. It may be that in a fit of economy, the committee on appropriations decided to take advantage of that generous suggestion and cut my salary. In any case, honestly, I should have preferred to have it cut my way.

"The Governor, however, was very anxious to have the question of his own superintendence of executive appointments tested in this Assembly. He thought that my real work would be particularly in the area of appointments to the various offices which had been existing

discontinued by Congress which, of course, has the power of the purse - Congress can make appropriations, and it can refuse to make appropriations. Therefore, at the request of the Secretary I consented to the transfer from position of Government Secretary to that of Executive Assistant to the Governor, a position for which the salary still exists on the table at least. And the Secretary plans further to add to that position the functions which previously appertained to the office of Government Secretary.

"I still hold an appointment from the President of the United States as Government Secretary, and Mr. de Castro, at times, has suggested that I ought to use it; but, after all, an office to which there is attached no salary and for which there are no functions may be described as an "empty room," and the Government Secretary might be described as a ghost official, moving about in emptiness -- in a vacuum.

"Mr. de Castro, my learned and very loyal colleague, who holds the position of Assistant Government Secretary, is at fear the assistant to the ghost.

"At any rate, I may say that the situation is one which is embarrassing to all of us in the Executive Department. We are all anxious to have, and the Governor has asked to have Mr. de Castro appointed. There is no hesitation at all in serving under Mr. de Castro as Acting Governor, but I believe that the Secretary is not a believer in spirits and inclined to appoint ghostly characters to ghostly positions.

"And then the whole situation is complicated by uncertainty by the Governor's return. As you know, when the Governor returned to Washington, he expected to be gone for only a few days, and he has been kept in Washington by the exigencies of the emergency of the relief he is in which he is very much deeply interested. I may say that the chances of finding that he will come very greatly improved by the Governor's return. But Washington, without me, and thus to sink as committee of inquiry by the committee, I may say, as well as the work of the Virgin Islands, the chances are we might be overlooked; but the Governor's presence there, especially of course, his advocacy of the various measures proposed in my application for relief will be a very important circumstance at the present time.

"It is unfortunate that we have not been able to know what the Governor's plans are, but the reason is that he does not know them himself; his plans are dependent on the action of the various committees of the Government, and he is not in a position to be able to say what he will do at the present time, especially of the situation in Puerto Rico.

"I do not believe that the Governor is very much interested in the business of the Virgin Islands, or in the Department except for the matter - the Government is not in the

participation of the Executive in the enactment of legislation, the signing of bills passed by the several councils; and that difficulty could have been avoided to say if we had had more certain information in regard to the Governor's plans and movements, which he himself was undoubtedly unable to give us.

"Well, with that lengthy explanation, Mr. Chairman, I say again that we, the representatives of the Executive, have come before you to wish high success to this meeting of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands. I understand that this year the council have called a session of the Legislative Assembly to take place immediately after the formal session inaugurated by the Governor has been adjourned. What is in keeping with the tendency of these islands -- the tendency toward of the people to run of their own business, for the council to exercise more initiative.

"I know that the Governor feels that the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands should exercise more authority, and it should have more business as the legislature of the Virgin Islands. It is obvious enough for anyone who has been in Washington that the Virgin Islands in its unity, solidarity, has a much stronger appeal than the municipality of St. Thomas or St. John or the municipality of St. John. It is important that we should see that appeal. The appeal, I say, that comes from recognition of the Virgin Islands as a unit, as an entity, as an element, a political element in the constitution of the United States. I say it is important that we should see that more, more new appeal. I say that the Governor would like to see the Legislative Assembly more active in legislation for the Virgin Islands."

"We all know - we who have participated in previous meetings of the Assembly - that there are difficulties. We know that we have drawn upon the party many admirable resources, designed then and there, for the purpose of applying the same here to both island or to both municipalities."

"I remember, I think, two years ago that on receipt of an order for a cipher building code for the island, we designed one, namely one; but as it is a difficulty, at best, to write a building code for either island, and to attempt to cover both island under the same building code. It is, certainly, a considerable difficulty."

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when the Legislative Assembly meets; and, as a dignified and responsible body, the Legislative Assembly had the opportunity of presenting itself as a symbol of the unity of the Virgin Islands and of the important claims of these islands in reference to the great Republic of which we are a part.

[Upon being requested by the chairman, the administrative officials remained.]

The Chairman made a few remarks and after opened the floor for discussion on the remarks of the Executive Secretary. A discussion followed by members Brown, Penning, Bawaginsky & Hill.

Mr. Penning moved to pass a vote of confidence, expressing their confidence and loyalty in the personality of Robert Morris Smith and the position he has held and urging in a cable to the Secretary of the Interior and to the President of the United States that Mr. Smith be appointed to act in the absence of the Governor as Acting Governor.

Member Brown seconded the motion. The motion was put to the vote and was carried unanimously.

The Assistant called the Roll and all members standing answered yes to their names.

The Executive Assistant thanked all the members and departed together with the Commissioner of Police.

Member Penning moved to appoint a committee to draft the cable conveying to the Chairman, second member at Large for St. Thomas & J. H. Pope, the member at Large for St. John and the Joint member for the Virgin Islands of St. Thomas, and after to recess the meeting until tomorrow morning at 10:00 a. m.

The chairman then named the committee of five for the purpose stated in accordance with the request suggested by member Penning.

The motion to legislate on this motion was put to the vote after being seconded by Mr. Gordon and carried unanimously.

The motion to recess was then put to the vote and carried unanimously.

The Chairman declared the motion carried, and the Assembly adjourned. Sincerely yours, Chairman
2:00 p.m. at 1:00 a.m.

[Signature]

Reconvened Pursuant to Motion On Thursday,
December 2, 1943, at 10:00 A.M.

The Assembly was reconvened by the Chairman. The Secretary then called the Roll. All Members were present except Member Robert S. Fleming.

Before proceeding with the orders of the day a discussion followed on the adoption of the minutes of the last session.

Member Raimonovsky suggested to dispense with the adoption of the minutes until the end of the session. His suggestion was well taken by all members present.

The first call on the order was "An Act to impose uniform excise taxes in the Virgin Islands of the United States".

Member Hill made a few remarks and then read the following:

"Letter of request of the Governor to place on his call for the day of the Assembly a bill for St. Thomas & St. John Council asking that an office of a representative of the Virgin Islands be established in Washington, D.C."

A discussion followed by members Hill, J. Brown, Harms, Raimonovsky, Gordon, Carroll, Rogers, Whyman, Gardine, Judge Jackson, Smith, and the Chairman on the merits of the measure.

Member Hill moved to adjourn the Assembly as convened by the Chairman.

Speaker Rogers seconded the motion.

The Chairman declared the vote will be taken by roll call. The vote was overwhelmingly taken, and the 15 members present voted in favor of the motion. Member Fleming the 16th member absent.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned as called by the Speaker. He suggested by a resolution in the 1st session of August, 1943, that the Assembly convene in the City of Charlotte, North Carolina on December first, 1944.

[Adjourned at 12:00 Noon]

Legislative Assembly Session Convened By Both Councils For December 3, 1943 @ 10:00 A.M.

The Joint Session of the Legislative Assembly was convened by the Chairman.

The Secretaries were directed to read the Resolution passed by the respective councils.

The Secretary read as follows:

Bill No. 105-

The Fourth Municipal Council of St. Thomas & St. John
1943-1944

Joint Resolution Convening the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands

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Whereas, The Governor of the Virgin Islands pursuant to authority vested in him in section 7 of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands approved June 22, 1936 convened the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session to be held on December 3, 1943 at 10:00 a.m.; and

Whereas, Section 7 of the Organic Act provides that whenever a session of the Assembly is convened by the Virgin Islands no legislation shall be considered other than that presented in his message calling such session; and

Whereas, The Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John forwarded a request to the Governor to incorporate in his agenda a bill creating the Office of the Representative of the Virgin Islands in Washington, D.C., to represent the duties of such Representative and for other purposes; and

Whereas, The Governor has agreed to incorporate pieces of legislation in his call; and

Whereas, Section 1 of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands of the United States further provided that the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands shall convene in St. Thomas whenever both Councils of Councils shall determine by resolution passed by each of them; and

Whereas, Section 2 of said Act further provided that the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands shall have power to enact legislation and further to be empowered to pass resolutions and resolutions shall be considered other than those presented in both of said messages; and

Whereas, The Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John have agreed to incorporate in their agenda a bill creating the Office of the Representative of the Virgin Islands in Washington, D.C., to represent the duties of such Representative and for other purposes; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby resolved by the Municipal Council of St. George and St. John, in session assembled, That a session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the United States, shall be and is hereby convened, to be held at the Municipal Council's Hall, Charlotte Amalie, St. John Virgin Islands, on Friday, December 3, 1913, at 10:00 a. m., for consideration of the following subject-matter:

1. An Act to Establish an Insular Guard for the Virgin Islands of the United States.
2. An Act to Provide for the Administration of Public Assistance and Welfare Services in the Virgin Islands of the United States.
3. A Joint-Resolving the "Office of the Representative of the Virgin Islands" in Washington, D. C., stipulating the Duties of such Representative and for other purposes.
4. An Act to amend the Electoral Law of the Virgin Islands.
5. Resolution Relating the President of the United States to appoint an Organized Reform Committee comprising of Representatives of the Department of Education and of the Virgin Islands.
6. Resolution Relating the President and Congress of the United States of America for the delivery of the National League of Women on Island and to bring the Virgin Islands into the United States.

Be It Further Resolved, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Municipal Council of St. John and to the Governor of the Virgin Islands.

The Secretary then read a Joint Resolution passed by the Municipal Council of St. John (which was identical with that on above).

The Roll was then called, and 15 members answered present to their names, Member Absent was absent.

The Chairman proceeded with the Orders of the Day, which first was the Act to Establish an Insular Guard for the Virgin Islands of the United States.

2. The Chairman then read the following Resolution: Whereas, the

Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the United States, in its session of December 3, 1913, at 10:00 a. m., for consideration of the following subject-matter:

Member Brown moved that a draft of Resolution petitioning the Secretary of War to designate and establish a Virgin Islands Regiment or Military Unit be referred by him to be discussed sometime during the Assembly in committee.

The motion was seconded by member Hill and was adopted by a vote of 18 in favor 1 against.

The second item on the orders of the day was then taken up. An Act to Provide for the Administration of Public Assistance and Welfare Services in the Virgin Islands of the United States.

Member Brown moved to postpone the bill.

The Secretary read the bill as directed.

Member Brown spoke his introduction on the bill, after which a discussion followed by members Hill & Harris.

Member Parnock then made some remarks on the bill and presented the same with copies of a justification and requested of the Chairman for it to be read by the Secretary.

Chairman Carroll read the justification accordingly in full.

Member Parnock suggested that the record until 2:30. All members being in favor the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned until 5:30 P. M.

[Adjourned at 12:30 P. M.]

Reopened Pursuant to Order of the Chair
at 5:30 which was December 3, 1943.

The Chairman declared the meeting in session. Before proceeding to the business of the day the Chairman read the following:

Let it be remembered that the Virgin Islands are a part of the United States and that the people of the Virgin Islands are entitled to the same rights and privileges as the people of the United States. Let it be remembered that the people of the Virgin Islands are entitled to the same rights and privileges as the people of the United States.

The roll was called by the Secretary, 12 members were present and 1 absent.

The Chairman then announced that the bill for the establishment of a Virgin Islands Regiment or Military Unit was referred to the committee.

Member Parnock moved that the bill be referred to the committee. The motion was seconded by member Hill and was adopted by a vote of 18 in favor 1 against. The Chairman then declared the meeting adjourned until 5:30 P. M.

Item 3 was proceeded with "A Law creating the Office of a Representative of the Virgin Islands in Washington, D. C. Stipulating the Duties of such Representative, and for Other Purposes."

Member Brown moved to sponsor the bill. The bill was read in full by the Secretaries. The Sponsor then made his introductory remarks. A discussion followed by members Kullf, Boyne, Harris, Abramson, Gardine, Hill, and the Chairman.

[See discussion on transcript verbatim copy pages 47-67]

Member Gordon moved to recess until Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

This was seconded by member Hill, put to the vote and accepted unanimously.

The Chairman declared the meeting recessed until December 4, 1953.

[Recessed at 6:00 P. M.]

Reconvened Pursuant to Motion on Saturday
December 4, 1953 at 10:30 A. M.

The Secretary was congratulated by the Chairman. The Secretary called the Roll. 17 members were present. Members Fleming and Ryan absent.

Discussion continued on Item 3 by members Brown, Boyne, Harris, Gordon, Brown, Gardine, Beal, and Hill. The Vice Chairman and Chairman exchanged with the Chairman. Unanimously passing. Member Beal then made some lengthy remarks. The discussion continued by members Brown, Kullf, Beal, and the Vice Chairman.

Member Gardine moved to close the discussion and to send the bill in Committee of the Whole.

Member Hill seconded the motion. The motion was put to the vote and was carried unanimously.

[See discussion on transcript verbatim copy pages 67-93]

Member Gardine moved to recess the meeting until Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

This was seconded by member Brown, put to a show of hands and accepted. Member Beal then made some remarks.

The meeting was declared recessed by the Chairman.

[Recessed at 10:30 P. M.]

Reconvened Pursuant To Motion On Monday

December 6, 1943, at 10:30 A. M.

The Assembly was declared in session by the Chairman.
The Secretary called the Roll. 13 members were present.
members Fleming, Gordon and Penning absent.

Correspondence was then read by the Secretary as follows:

"Letter from the Executive Assistant to the Governor, to the Chairman of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, informing the Assembly that Mr. Van Hising of the Social Security Administration institution for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands was in St. Thomas on a limited stay, and that he would like, as soon as feasible, to have an audience with the Assembly to discuss with it the draft of law pending action in the Assembly, 'To Provide for Public Assistance and Welfare Service for the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes.'"

Item 4 on the Orders of the Day was then taken up, "An Act to amend the Electoral Law of the Virgin Islands. Proposed by the second member of the Country District."

The proposer, being absent, Member Penning introduced his measure, and read a provision in the Law in Chapter 3, Section 3.

The above matter was declared opened for discussion by the Chairman. It was discussed by members Brown, Penning, Carroll, and at this time the proposer entered the meeting. Member Gordon then made his remarks on the bill.

Hearing no further discussion the Chairman declared bill closed on the first reading and automatically sent to Committee of the Whole.

The Chairman next sponsored with Item 5, "A Resolution Informing the President of the U. S. to appoint an Organized Reform Committee composed of Representatives of the Department of the Interior and Representatives of the Virgin Islands. Sponsored by the United District member of the Country District of St. John - St. John."

Only Secretary read the bill in full.
The proposer made his introductory remarks. A discussion followed by Members Penning, Brown, Carroll, Harris, and the Chairman.

Member Penning made his closing remarks.
There being no objection, the bill was passed.
The Chairman then announced the adjournment.

Reconvened at 10:30 A. M.

Item 6 on the Orders of the Day was then taken up.

Reconvened Pursuant to Order of the Chair at 2:30 P. M.

Monday, December 6, 1943.

The Assembly was reconvened by the Chairman.
The Secretary called the Roll. 13 members answered present to their names. Members Bentley, Rhynes, and Jackson absent.

The continuation of the discussion on item 5 was proceeded with by the Chairman.

Member Gordon moved that the Assembly go into Committee of the Whole. This was seconded by member Harris, put to a vote by the chair and accepted by the House.

The Chairman declared the Assembly in Committee.

Reconvened On Tuesday, December 7, 1943 at 10:00 A. M.
Following Conference with Mr. Van Hyming.

The Assembly was called to order by the Chairman. The Roll was called by the Secretary. 17 members were present and Members Brown and Fleming absent.

Member Gordon moved that the House resolve themselves in Committee of the Whole. This was seconded by member Brown, and was put to a unanimous vote by the Chairman.

The Assembly remained in Committee of the Whole until 3:00 o'clock P. M. (The same day)

The Chairman declared the Assembly in session.
The Secretary called the Roll. 12 members were present. Members Bentley, Brown, Rhynes and Gordon absent.

Member Harris reminded the Chair that they are still in Committee of the Whole.

Member Gordon moved that the Assembly resolve themselves in formal session. This was seconded by Member Harris, put to the vote and carried.

No one wishing to make further remarks on item 6 the Chairman declared the discussion closed.

Item 6 was next proceeded with by the Chairman.
"Resolution Relating the President and the Congress of the United States of America for the Refusal of the Internal Revenue Taxes on Items Exported from the Virgin Islands into the United States."

Member Gordon moved to change the above Resolution.

The Secretary read the bill as amended and after was introduced by the sponsor.

The bill was then read for amendment. It was amended by member Harris, and the following

Resolution was

Resolved, That the House do pass the following Resolution:

Mr. [unclear]

Hampton, asking by what authority one C. W. Martin signed himself "National Committeeman, the Virgin Islands Legislative and Welfare Committee." If you have any information in regard to Mr. Martin, I shall be glad to pass it on to Mrs. Hampton."

"Sincerely yours

Robert M. Smith
Robert M. Smith
Executive Assistant to the Governor.

December, 1943

Mr Robert M. Lusk
Executive Assistant to the Governor
Charlotte Amble, St. Thomas, V. I.

My dear Mr Lovell

Mr. E. H. Norton, whom we do not know, signed himself
National Committeeman, The Virgin Islands Legislative and
Welfare Committee. He has offices at P.O. Box 510 F Street, N. W.
Will you please advise me if he is an authorized representa-
tive of any organization in the Virgin Islands. Possibly once
or twice a year we have inquiries regarding him and it
is our feeling that he may indulge in business that
is not entirely ethical. In 1908 Governor Thomas wrote a
letter in which he mentioned him in complimentary terms
and enclosed a copy of the letterhead the Dominion, dated
as of February 18th 1902.

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E. W. Martin
Legislative Agent
Various Institutions
The American Republics Co. L.

Line 1468

The discussion continued by members Brown, Carroll, and Shaw. Member Shaw moved to close the discussion and that the bill be sent to the Committee of the Whole.

The motion was seconded by member Thompson. It was put to the vote and accepted unanimously.

Member Harris asked unanimous consent of the members to have an item added on the orders of the day, and item 8. "Resolution Relating the Congress of the United States to Recognize or Reappoint Mr. Robert M. La Follette as Governor of Wisconsin."

Unanimous consent was then given.

Item 7 of the day was then taken up, "Resolution Relating the President of the United States to remove Charles Hammond as Governor of the Virgin Islands."

Member Gordon moved that the above Resolution be placed on the Orders of the day.

A lengthy discussion followed on the procedure of placing items on the orders of the day, after which member Gordon again moved to have item 7 placed on the orders of the day.

Member Hill seconded the motion.

The discussion continued and member Hill suggested that the ruling of the chairman be reviewed and that a two-thirds majority vote be attached to place any item on the orders of the day.

Member Brown seconded the motion.

The discussion again continued. The motion was then put to the vote by roll call. 13 members answered Yes, 2 were absent and 1 abstaining.

Member Gordon asked unanimous consent of the members to place item No. 7 on the orders of the day. Member Hill seconded the motion.

The motion was put to the vote and accepted by 12 Yes and 1 abstaining.

The Resolution was read by the Secretary in full, after which a detailed introduction was given by the proposer.

Member Brown made some lengthy remarks and read an article in the World Journal indicating that Governor Hammond was present at hearings on the subject of the Virgin Islands, and advocated strongly the removal of the Islands from the United States.

Discussion continued by members Gordon and Pennington. Member Thompson stated the opinion of a large body of the members that Governor Hammond should be removed.

Member Pennington made a lengthy statement on the matter and was followed by member Brown, who also made a statement.

Member Brown moved that the bill be killed in the first reading. Member Cardine recorded the motion.

A discussion followed on the merits of business.

Member Brown moved for a reconsideration of the bill in the first discussion. Member Cardine recorded the motion.

A lengthy discussion again followed, after which the vote was taken. 9 in favor and 5 opposed.

Member Brown in turn moved that the Assembly reject Bill No. 7. Member Cardine recorded the motion.

A discussion followed on this motion.

Member Rhiner moved that the Assembly recess until Wednesday, December 7.

The motion was put to the vote by the chairman and all members were unanimously in favor.

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The Chairman declared the meeting recess until Wednesday at 10:30.

I Recessed at 12:30 P.M.

Reopened Pursuant to Motion, Wednesday, December 7, 1943 at 10:30 o'clock A.M.

The Assembly was declared in session by the Chairman.

The roll called by the Clerk, 13 members present. 3 were absent without excuse. Members Hoff, Bickley, and Carroll.

The Secretary then read a letter from the Secretary of the Interior to the Department of the Interior.

The Chairman declared that he would be in session until 10:30 P.M.

The vote was taken on the motion and it was carried by a vote of 9 in favor and 1 against.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

Attest, Secretary of the Assembly.

Witness my hand and seal this 7th day of December, 1943.

Resolution Valuation
Appropriation
Decree

The Resolution was duly read by the Secretary, Mr. Carroll.
 Mr. Higdon made his introductory remarks.

Item 8 was discussed under the discussion by the Board.
It was discussed by member Barrows.
The Board moved to close the discussion.
This was seconded by member Barrows, put to the vote and
carried.

Sept. 2nd Order of the Day, was taken up, "Draft of Resolution
affirming the doctrine of State Sovereignty (a beginning
was made, first of questions, both & how?)"

As the presence of the bill was absent, no
business was done.

Members of the Committee moved that the list be sent to the Committee of the Whole.

The motion was seconded by member Passenky, and the vote cast and accepted.

The 1st Code of the Day was moved to be left in charge
to member Garrison by recorded by member Boardman and
carried by A. C. S. S. S.

Member Gardine moved that the Senate, record itself
in Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the
Member Paine, on the motion, it was so ordered.
The Chairman declared the motion carried unanimously.
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The Chairman declared the motion carried unanimously.

The Assembly remained in Committee on the 9th of December 1945 at 7.00 P.M.

Reconvened on Monday, December 10, 1940
at 6:45 P.M. En. Lacion took on
minutes of the Nov. 27.

The Assembly was called to order by the Chairman.

One of the lanterns called the *Art. 13* appeared
to be the *Art. 13* named. 3 were also with the *Art. 13*.

Take about 1/2 lb. of the seeds of the above and pound with
a mortar and pestle in a bowl and rub.

The Secretary and President read the bill in full.

The Chairman declared the bill opened in the second discussion. It was discussed by members: Baumgardner, Hill and Harris.

Member Hill moved that the second discussion on the draft of the bill be closed and that it be adopted.

The motion was recorded by member Cardule.

It was put to the vote by the Chairman, and the following members answered to the Roll Call for the adoption of the bill:

Mr. Abranzen	Yes	Mr. Harris	Yes
Mr. Alexander	Yes	Mr. Hill	"
Mr. Brown	"	Mr. Jackson	Absent
Mr. Brown	"	Mr. Baumgardner	Yes
Mr. Carroll	"	Mr. D. Valley	"
Mr. Fleming	"	Mr. D. H. H.	Absent
Mr. Gardiner	"	Mr. Schaefer	Yes
Mr. Gordon	"	Mr. Whipple	Absent

The bill was voted on in the following form:

Bill No. 1
The Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States
Session 1925

To Act to Provide for Public Assistance and Welfare
Services for the Virgin Islands and for other purposes.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
in session assembled:

Section 1. Definitions - As used in this law:

(a) "Incular Department" shall mean the Department of social welfare of the Virgin Islands.

(b) "Director" shall mean the Director of the Department of social welfare of the Virgin Islands.

(c) "Principal Department" shall mean the Department of social welfare of the Virgin Islands.

(d) "Social Welfare" shall mean the social welfare of the Virgin Islands.

- (c) "Superintendent" shall mean the superintendent of the principal departments of social welfare of St. Louis, and of St. Charles and St. John.
- (d) "Public Assistance" shall mean money payments, medical care and assistance in kind.
- (e) "Child Welfare Services" shall include the protection and care of children who are dependent, neglected, delinquent or in danger of becoming delinquent and any other children who may be in need of services in their own homes or in foster care.

Section 2. Department of Social Welfare: There is hereby created a department of social welfare of the Virgin Islands which shall consist of the Governor and such personnel as may be necessary for the efficient performance of the duties of the department.

Section 3. Director of Social Welfare: A director of the social department shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior on the basis of his education, training, experience, and demonstrated ability in public administration, to serve as the administrative officer of the department under the general direction of the Governor. In making his appointment, the Secretary shall give due consideration to the nature of the Virgin Islands in accordance with the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands of the United States.

Section 4. Functions of the Social Department: The social department shall discharge the social welfare functions of the Virgin Islands except as otherwise provided by law. The department shall:

(a) administer the administration to the municipal departments of public assistance, child welfare services, and other welfare services to individuals who are in need thereof.

(b) Establish and enforce rules and regulations that may be necessary or desirable to carry out the provisions of this act including necessary rules and regulations for the selection and employment, in accordance with merit principles, of all persons engaged in the administration of this act. The rules and regulations established by the social department shall not be subject to review by the Governor.

(c) Establish a system for and administer the provision of protection and care of children, dependent, neglected, delinquent or in danger of becoming delinquent and any other children who may be in need of services in their own homes or in foster care.

in establishing, expanding, and strengthening such services; and receive and expend all funds made available to the municipal department by the Federal Government, the municipalities and from any other source for any such purpose.

(d) Establish, maintain, and administer, or supervise the administration of such public institutions as may be deemed necessary for the care of the aged or infirm, the mentally or physically handicapped (other than those cared for by the Department of Health), delinquent children, and for any other children in need of institutional care.

(e) Cooperate with the Federal Government in carrying out the purposes of any public assistance, child welfare, or other welfare programs and in all other matters of mutual concern, including the adoption of such rules and regulations and methods of administration as are required by the Federal Government for the carrying out of the purposes and objectives of the plans for public assistance and welfare services.

(f) After investigation and report and upon recommendation of the municipal department, license boarding houses and all institutions caring for children.

(g) Prepare and submit to the respective municipal councils estimates of the money required for carrying out the programs of this act, with estimates of the amounts to be made available for this purpose from municipal, Federal, and other sources.

(h) Prepare an annual report of its activities and expenditures and such other reports as the Federal Government may from time to time require, conforming to such requirements as the Federal Government may deem necessary, for review, correction and verification, of such reports, conduct research and make studies relating to social welfare and make reports and recommendations to the Legislature, Congress and the municipal boards concerned as to legislation and matters of administrative policy.

(i) Accept contributions from public or private sources and take such other action as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the provisions of this act and administer or supervise such additional projects and services as may from time to time be authorized by the municipal department.

By John S. [Signature]
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 of St. James and St. []
 effect in each []
 as []

By
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and such personnel as may be necessary for the efficient performance of the duties of the municipal department. All such personnel shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Municipal Council, having jurisdiction, in accordance with the merit system, if practicable. In making appointments due consideration shall be given to natives of the Virgin Islands.

Section 6. Superintendent: The Superintendent of each of the municipal departments of social welfare shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Municipal Council, having jurisdiction and shall serve as the executive and administrative officer of the municipal department and shall be responsible for its management. With the advice of the Municipal Board of Social Welfare he shall prepare and submit to the Municipal Council an annual estimate of the funds necessary to carry out the provisions of his act within the municipality. The present incumbent of the position of Superintendent of Public Welfare in each Municipality shall be eligible for this appointment, and may, if he so desires, serve as such under a federal appointment, at the pleasure of the Secretary of the Interior, and this exception shall apply only to the present incumbents.

Section 7. Municipal Board of Social Welfare: Within 30 days after the enactment of this law the Governor, with the advice and consent of each Municipal Council, shall appoint in each municipality a municipal board of social welfare which shall consist of five members. Appointments shall be made on the basis of recognized interest in and knowledge of the field of social welfare. Not more than two members of the Municipal Council may be members of the municipal board. Members shall be appointed for terms of 3 years; provided, however, that the members first appointed, one shall be appointed for 1 year, two for 2 years; and two for 3 years. No member shall serve for more than two consecutive terms. Members shall receive no compensation other than reimbursement for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

Within 60 days after the first meeting of the Superintendent shall call a meeting of the members of each of the municipal boards to be organized. The board shall organize by the appointment of a chairman and a secretary and shall hold its first meeting on the first day of January following the first meeting of the board.

Section 8. Municipal Board: The Municipal Board shall be a body of five members, shall be organized by the appointment of a chairman and a secretary, and shall have the same powers and duties as the

of the Social Security Act and any laws amending it or supplementary
acts that may hereafter be enacted.

Section 12. Amount of Allowance: The amount of assistance which a recipient shall receive, shall be determined in accordance with the rules and regulations of the prison department, with due regard to his requirements and the conditions existing in his case and to the income and resources of himself to be available to him, even when necessary, and shall be sufficient to provide him with a reasonable subsistence, compatible with health and well-being.

Section 10. Application For Public Assistance: Application for public assistance under the provisions of this Act shall be made in the manner and form prescribed by the Insular Department and shall contain such information as the Department may require.

Section 18. Investigation of Applicants. The municipal department shall receive an application for public assistance under the act, it shall promptly make an investigation and record the circumstances of the applicant in order to ascertain the facts relating to the application and to obtain such other information as may be required by the rules and regulations of the municipal department.

Section 15. Approval of Public Assistance: The municipal department shall determine, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the general department, whether the applicant is eligible for public assistance under the provisions of this act. The date and amount of public assistance shall be determined by the clerk upon which such public assistance shall begin. Public assistance shall be paid in the manner provided by the general department.

Section 16. Redemption of Liability & Amount
 The Registrar: The municipal department shall change or withdraw the award of assistance whenever the conditions have altered sufficiently to warrant such action. Not during the time he is receiving public assistance, the recipient of direct income or other monies in excess of the amount lawfully allowed by him, it shall be his duty to notify the municipal department of the fact immediately.

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of the insular department shall, upon request, be afforded reasonable notice and opportunity for a fair hearing by the insular department. All decisions of the insular department made on appeal, shall be final and shall be binding upon, and shall be complied with by the municipal departments.

Section 18. Confidential Character of Information.

The insular department shall establish and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the custody, use and preservation of the documents, records, papers, files and communications concerning public assistance, child welfare service and other welfare agencies of the Department of Social Welfare. The use of such documents, records, papers, files and communications by any other Government agency or department to which they may be furnished shall be limited exclusively to the purpose for which they are furnished. It shall be unlawful to except for purposes directly connected with the administration of public assistance and welfare services and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the department for any person to collect, disclose, or receive, make use of, or authorize, knowingly, permit participate in or acquiesce in the use of any list of or name of, or information concerning persons applying for or receiving assistance or receiving, directly or indirectly derived from the documents, records, papers, files, or communications of the department or any other agency or department.

Section 19. Public Assistance Not Assignable: Public

assistance granted under this act shall not be transferable or assignable at law or in equity and none of the money paid or payable under this act shall be subject to execution, levy, attachment, garnishment, or other legal process, or to the operation of any bankruptcy or insolvency law.

Section 20. Public Assistance Fund: There is

herby established in the Treasury of the Virgin Islands, a special fund to be known as the Public Assistance Fund, which shall consist of monies from all sources including the Budget Government and contributions from public or private sources made available to the Welfare Department for the administration of public assistance. Disbursements from this fund shall be made by the insular department in accordance with the act.

Section 21. Appropriation of

Municipal Council shall annually or available to it, an amount sufficient for the purposes of this law based upon the

the insular department pursuant to section 4(9). The Finance Officer of the Virgin Islands shall pay the amount thus appropriated or collected into the public assistance fund.

Section 22. Allocation of Monies in the Public Assistance Fund: The insular department shall annually estimate the monies to be credited to the public assistance fund from all sources during the ensuing fiscal year and shall allocate as follows the total amount so estimated to be available:

(a) An amount sufficient to pay the administrative expenses of the insular department, not paid from other sources, shall be reserved and disbursed for this purpose.

(b) The remainder of the total amount estimated to be available shall be allocated and disbursed by the insular department for expenditure with respect to the principal objectives, on the basis of the amounts appropriated by each municipal council to carry out the provisions of this Act, including necessary administrative expenses, and on the terms of contribution from other sources.

Section 23. Transfer of Functions: The municipal department of social welfare of St. John and St. John created under this act shall be the legal successor of the Department of Public Welfare of St. John and St. John, and the Board of Children's Guardians of St. John and St. John, and all the duties, books, records, documents and property of said department and said board are hereby transferred to the municipal department of social welfare of St. John and St. John.

The municipal department of social welfare of St. John created under this act shall be the legal successor to the Department of Public Welfare and the Board of Children's Guardians of St. John, and all the duties, books, records, documents and property of said department and said board are hereby transferred to the municipal department of social welfare of St. John.

Section 24. Repeal: Sections 30 and 31 of Chapter 1, Title 1 of the Code of Laws of St. John and St. John and of the Code of Laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 25. Transitional Provisions: In any case where the transfer of the functions of the municipal department of social welfare of St. John and St. John to the municipal department of social welfare of St. John and St. John is not completed by the date of the coming into force of this Act, the functions of the municipal department of social welfare of St. John and St. John shall be performed by the municipal department of social welfare of St. John and St. John.

Section 26. Commencement: This Act shall come into force on the date of the coming into force of the Code of Laws of St. John and St. John.

and shall subject to the provisions of any other act that may hereafter be approved, and no recipient shall have any claim for compensation by reason of this assistance being in any way affected by any other act that may hereafter be approved.

Section 27. This act shall take effect immediately upon enactment. Existing financial, budgetary and personnel provisions for welfare and relief services in each municipality shall continue and are hereby confirmed and made applicable to the regular and temporary Departments of social welfare hereby created until the respective Municipal Councils shall provide for the transfer of existing appropriations to the Public Assistance Fund. Such transfer shall be made by the respective municipal councils within sixty days after the enactment of this Act.

Section 25. Shock Outlets: This section may be added
on the Social Welfare Act of 1946.

A discussion then took place by member Brown and the theme of not playing an item on the Orders of the Day.

"Revolution, setting up a Virgin Infanterie regiment raised
by the St. Thomas & St. John Municipal Council."
Disagreed by members present.

Endorsed by member Brown.

See discussion on *Agave* at *Agave* 282-162 J

Take Ind. Index of the day, say, November 1st.

Bill No. 2, "Treaty of Reciprocity to Admit the Sugarcane of the United States to the Puerto Rico National Revenue, to be collected on the same and to be subject to the same duties as the sugar cane of the United States." I am proud to vote for the passage of this bill.

The Honorable J. H. Campbell, of the U. S. House of Representatives.

9. *How many people are in your household?*

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Bill No. 2

The Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
Of the United States

Session 1953

Resolution to Petition the Congress of the United States to Compel the
Internal Revenue Service to Collect on Imports and Exports
Arriving from the German Islands into the United States the
the United States the necessary of the German islands.

the same, the liquor and articles produced in the Virgin Islands and introduced into the United States are subject to the Federal Internal Revenue Tax provided in the United States Code, Title 26, Section 1470. (Feb. 28, 1919, C. 18, Section 1304, 40, Stat. 1142); and,

Whereas, It is provided by Act 26, Section 186: 'Deposit of National Revenue Collections'. All National Revenue collected in and for account of the Philippine Islands shall accrue intact to the general government thereof and be paid into the General Treasury (June 16, 1904, C. 497, Section 301, 40, Stat. 686; and,

Moreover, it is also provided by U. S. C. Title 24, Section 1420, and Section 60: "Deposit of Internal Revenue Collections: "All taxes collected under the Internal Revenue Laws of the United States on articles produced in Puerto Rico and transported to the United States or consumed in the island will be covered into the Treasury of Puerto Rico (Mar. 2, 1917, C. 146, Section 9, 39 Stat. 954, May 17, 1932, C. 146, 41 Stat. 158)"; and

[illegible]

are directly a part of and for national defense and for Post War rehabilitation; and

Whereas, the Virgin Islands have suffered materially by reason of the closing down of various Federal agencies, together with the loss of revenues due to lack of shipping resulting in loss of liquor dues, Customs revenue, Postage fees, and other War-time revenues; and

Whereas, notwithstanding the losses and revenues the work which it is the duty of our departments to perform has increased 100% and (as direct result of war activities, and the cost of materials necessary for such work has increased by as high as 50% over that of pre-war days; and

Whereas, the Virgin Islands on various occasions have petitioned the Congress of the United States to permit the Internal Revenue taxes collected on liquors and articles from the Virgin Islands and the United States to be credited to the Department of the Treasury of the Virgin Islands but failed to receive favorable consideration; and

Whereas, the Virgin Islands because of conditions created by World War II today find themselves in need of Federal aid in order to continue and maintain their political, economic and democratic institutions; and

Whereas, there is a general relocation of business due to shortages and restrictions resulting in the loss of considerable Municipal revenues:

Now, therefore, Be It Resolved, and It is hereby Enacted, by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the United States in session assembled:

1. That the Congress of the United States be and is hereby authorized to enact legislation to transfer to the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States 50% of all taxes collected under the national excise laws on the production or articles imported into the United States from the Virgin Islands, and on any other article imported into the Virgin Islands in accordance with plans to be approved by the President.

2. That after the first day of January next following the month in which this Act is enacted, and thereafter, the Secretary of the Treasury shall determine if all taxes imposed upon articles imported into the Virgin Islands under the national excise laws or articles produced in the Virgin Islands and transported to the United States shall be paid to the Virgin Islands at the rate of 50% of the amount of the taxes.

centum and few the estimated amount of refunds or credits, shall be transferred each month and covered into the Treasury of the Virgin Islands and shall be available for expenditure in accordance with the provisions of section 36 of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands of the United States, for purposes or projects approved by the President: Provided, that the Secretary of the Interior shall submit to Congress annually a report of all receipts and expenditures of funds made available by this Act; and

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Secretary of the Department of the Interior, the Secretary of the Treasury, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Territories and Insular Affairs, Chairman of the House Committee on Insular Affairs, the Ways and Means Committee, the Director of the Division of Territories and Island Possessions, and the Governor of the Virgin Islands.

The Chairman presented with the 3rd Order of the Day, "Draft of Law Creating the Office of the Delegate of the Virgin Islands" and Washington, D.C., Authorizing the Duties of the Delegate and for Other Purposes.

Mr. Hill, being Speaker of the Committee of the Whole made his committee's report.

The report was put to the vote by the Chairman. (All except Messrs Brown and Harris were in favor.)

A discussion followed by members George, Brown, Carroll, Gordon, Bayard, Pinckney, Lawrence and the Chairman.

Member Gordon moved to recess the meeting until Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

The Chairman declared the meeting recessed.

[Recessed At 12:30 o'clock P.M.]

Reopened On Tuesday, December 16, 1942, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. Chairman's Declaration of the Chairman.

The Assembly was called to order by the Chairman.

and called the Roll. The members were present: Brown, George, Jackson, Bayard and Wilf. A motion was made that the members were absent without leave.

A motion followed on whether Item 3 be read.

motion was seconded, Item 3 was read.

opened for discussion.

Discussion continued by members Gordon, Harris, Gordon, Abraham, Penning, Paimon & Boyner.

[The Chairman and Vice Chairman exchanged seats, Vice Chairman remaining presiding.]

Member Alexander then expressed his views on the bill. Another lengthy discussion followed by members present.

Member Gordon moved that the Assembly go into informal session to work out amendments that was adopted.

The motion was seconded by member Hill put to the vote and carried unanimously.

[The session lasted for 15 minutes.]

On the resumption of session member Penning moved that the amendments made in Committee be adopted.

The amendments were put to the vote by the Chairman. All voted in favor.

Another lengthy discussion continued by the members. Member Penning moved that the session be closed and the bill be selected as presented.

The Chairman put the motion to the vote. All concerning that the session on the second reading be closed.

The bill was then adopted upon the following votes on Roll Call:

Mr. Abraham	Yes
Mr. Alexander	Yes
Mr. Brown	"
Mr. Boyner	Absent
Mr. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Gordon	Yes
Mr. Harris	Yes
Mr. Hill	"

Mr. Harris	Not Voting
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Johnson	Absent
Mr. Penning	Yes
Mr. Paimon	"
Mr. Penning	Absent
Mr. Paimon	Yes
Mr. Paimon	Absent

9 Yeas - 2 Nays - 1 Not Voting and 4 Absent

[See discussion on H. R. 100, page 177-216]

Roll Call was taken on the second reading:

Bill No. 3.

The Legislative Assembly Of The Virgin Islands
Of The United States

Session 1913

Law Creating the "Office of the Delegate of the Virgin Islands" in Washington, D.C., Regulating the Duties of the Delegate and for other purposes.

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Statement of Motives

Unlike Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Alaska, etc., the Virgin Islands have no direct representation from the people of the Virgin Islands in official Washington.

Hawaii and Alaska have the authority to send delegates to the Congress of the United States. Puerto Rico has the authority to send a Resident Commissioner to the Congress of the United States. The Virgin Islands, which are an insular possession of the United States with an Organic Act establishing the three main branches of Government, do not enjoy this privilege. This situation has resulted in the problems and needs of the people of the Virgin Islands not being properly represented to the Congress of the United States and other officials of the Federal Government in the national capital. As a consequence thereof the Virgin Islands have suffered greatly.

Another disastrous feature of this lack of authorized representation is that unauthorized persons and organizations from time to time select agents or officials in Washington, D.C., representing the people of the Virgin Islands and in that role have given misleading information to those in authority thereby creating false impressions to the detriment of the welfare and progress of the Virgin Islands.

Be It Enacted, by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled:

Section 1. There is hereby created an office to be known as the "Office of the Delegate of the Virgin Islands" to be established at Washington, D.C. The purpose of establishing this office is in order to present to the Congress of the United States, the President of the United States, the Department of the Interior and any other authority, the problems and needs of the people of the Virgin Islands through direct representation of said

people. The person appointed to the office shall consist of one person to be appointed by the Legislative Assembly and shall have the authority to represent the people of the Virgin Islands in all matters relating to the welfare and progress of the Virgin Islands and to be qualified.

Each year at its annual session the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands shall elect from among its members by two-thirds of the members present, two Delegates, one from the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John and one from the Municipal Council of St. Croix. Delegates shall receive an allowance of \$500.00 per month in lieu of subsistence when on official business plus actual travel expenses, which shall be paid on vouchers. There is also authorized any expense account not to exceed \$500.00. These funds shall be disbursed by the Comptroller of Finance or a representative duly appointed by him upon proper certification of the correctness thereof by the Chairman of the respective municipal councils; provided, however, that the expenses in connection with the office of the Delegates will be paid for the first year by the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John.

Section 3. The duties of the Delegates shall be to present in a factual manner the problems and needs of the people of the Virgin Islands and to represent through the legislative authorities of the Virgin Islands. They shall represent, support, promote, advance and coordinate the social, educational and economic welfare of the Virgin Islands. They shall keep in constant communication with the members and Vice-Chairman of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands and all other officers of the Virgin Islands Government. They shall present any legislation from the Virgin Islands and shall transmit to the Chairman of all bills in authority in Washington, D.C., any resolutions passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands and may be transmitted to them by the respective legislative authorities of the Virgin Islands. They shall make a detailed annual report of the activities of their office at the end of each calendar year. This report shall be submitted to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands on or before March 1st.

Section 4. The Legislative Assembly at its annual session shall elect the first two delegates provided in this act and may appoint a third delegate to complete the term of any delegate whose term has expired.

Members thereupon read the minutes of the meeting of the Assembly, Tuesday evening December 12, 1944.

All action was taken for the session of the Assembly.

Members thereupon adjourned the session of the Assembly.

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Reconvened Pursuant to Motion of December 14, 1923

In St. John, December 15, 1923 At 9.00 O'clock P. M.

The meeting was declared in session by the Chairman.
The Roll was called and revealed. Ten members present
and six, absent without excuse.

After being a prayer, present, the Chairman proceeded
with the 4th Order of the Day.

"Bill No. 4. Death of Law On Enact Chapter 15, Section 111:
Of the Judicial Law of the Virgin Islands of the United
States, approved by the Governor on December 9, 1923
as amended and approved on December 27, 1923."

Member Gordon acted as Speaker of the Committee of the Whole.
The Committee's report was put to the vote by the Chairman.
All members concurred and the report was accepted.

The Bill was then read in full by the Assistant Secretary.
The discussion was declared opened on the second reading by
the Chairman.

After being up discussion, member Gordon moved that the
second reading of the bill be adopted.

The motion was seconded by member Gordon, put to the
vote and accepted unanimously.

The Roll was then called for the adoption of the bill as
follows:

Mr. Chamberlain	---	Yes	Mr. Harris	---	Absent
Mr. Alexander	---	"	Mr. Hill	---	"
Mr. Boyer	---	"	Mr. Jackson	---	Absent
Mr. Brown	---	Absent	Mr. Piquin	---	Yes
Mr. Carroll	---	Yes	Mr. (Cathery)	---	"
Mr. Fleming	---	"	Mr. Rhys	---	Absent
Mr. G. Smith	---	"	Mr. Sprague	---	"
Mr. Gordon	---	"	Mr. Telford	---	"

The bill was adopted in the following form:

Bill No. 4.

The Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

Session 1923

Enact Chapter 15, Section 111, of the Judicial Law of the Virgin
Islands of the United States, approved by the Governor on
December 9, 1923 as amended and approved on
December 27, 1923.

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of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands

That Chapter II, Section 100, of the Electoral Law for the Virgin Islands of the United States, approved December 9, 1938 as amended and approved December 2, 1939, be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

"At the end of said Section delete the period, insert in its stead a comma, and add the following: 'Provided, further, that this section shall not apply to members of the Virgin Islands who are members of the Armed Forces or who reside on military or naval reservations, in the Virgin Islands.'"

The 5th Order of the Day was next provided with:

"Bill No. 5 - Draft of Resolution Utilizing the Congress of the United States to Reconsider their action against Robert Ross, Assistant Government Secretary of the Virgin Islands."

Member Harris being the speaker of the Committee of the Whole made his committee's report.

Large reports which recommended the elimination from the bill of certain reactionary statements was duly noted.

The Chairman then put the committee's report to the vote. All voted in favor.

He then placed the bill open for discussion on the floor.

The Chairman made the motion to pass.

It was supported by members Corcoran, Hill and Gordon.

Member Hall moved that the vote be aye and that the bill be adopted.

Member Harris moved the aye. It was put to the vote, all concurring in adoption of the measure.

The following table listed the members of the following:

Mr. Thompson	Yes	Mr. Harris	Yes
Mr. Alexander	"	Mr. Hill	"
Mr. Brown	"	Mr. Jordan	Absent
Mr. Corcoran	Absent	Mr. Cunningham	Yes
Mr. Gordon	Yes	Mr. Galloway	"
Mr. Galloway	"	Mr. Hays	Absent
Mr. Hall	"	Mr. Jones	"
Mr. Hill	"	Mr. Keith	"

Bill No. 5 adopted in 1939

Bill No. 5.

The Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

Session 1923

Resolution Relating to the Congress of the United States in Recrimination
their Action Against Robert Morris Loret as Government
Secretary of the Virgin Islands

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Whereas, The Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in formal
session, unanimously gave a vote of confidence to Robert
Morris Loret as Government Secretary of the Virgin Islands;
and,

Whereas, As a result of this vote of confidence the following
cable was dispatched to the President of the United States
and the Secretary of the Department of the Interior:

"Virgin Islands Legislative Assembly at St. John's, Virgin
Islands, has passed unanimously a vote of confidence
in Robert Morris Loret, Secretary of the Government of the
Virgin Islands, and has requested that Mr. Loret be encouraged and
supported by the Administration of the United States in the
discharge of his official duties as Secretary of the
Government of the Virgin Islands"; and,

Whereas, It is the unanimous opinion of the People of the Virgin
Islands that Robert Morris Loret is unquestionably one of the most
sincere and loyal American citizens ever to hold office in the
Virgin Islands; and,

Whereas, The People of the Virgin Islands are satisfied with
the services of Robert Morris Loret as Government Secretary
and feel confident that he is beyond suspicion of participating
in pro-American activities:

Now, therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby resolved,
by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled,
that the Congress of the United States be petitioned and
requested to reconsider their action against Robert Morris
Loret as Government Secretary of the Virgin Islands since the People
of the Virgin Islands are satisfied with the services he has
rendered and are desirous of continuing him in the position
in which he has so faithfully and gallantly served for the past
several years;

And further Resolved, that the President of the United States and
the Secretary of the Interior be and are hereby requested
to inform the People of the Virgin Islands as to the
action of the United States Government on the above
petition; and

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, the Sub Committee on Un-American Activities, House Appropriations Committee, the Solicitor, Department of the Interior, the Director of the Division of Territories and Island Possessions and the Governor of the Virgin Islands.

The Chairman next proceeded with the 6th Order of the Day

"Bill No. 6 - Draft of Resolution Providing for the Appointment of a Legislative Committee of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands to Study the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands and to prepare a Report of Recommendations or Amendments to be submitted at the 1940 Annual Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands."

Member Hill as Speaker of the Committee of the Whole made his Committee report.

He then read the report of the sub-committee which recommended that a committee be set up to study the Organic Act and make recommendations for changes thereto for presentation to the President and Congress of the United States.

The bill was then read in full by the Secretary. Member Carroll discussed the bill.

Member Gordon moved that the resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by member Thompson, put to the vote and accepted unanimously.

The clerk called the roll, and the bill adopted upon the following vote:

Mr. Abrahamson	Yes	Mr. Harris	Yes
Mr. Alexander	"	Mr. Hill	"
Mr. Boyer	"	Mr. Jackson	Absent
Mr. Brown	Absent	Mr. Kinsman	Yes
Mr. Carroll	Yes	Mr. Keith	"
Mr. Fleming	"	Mr. Lynam	Absent
Mr. Gault	"	Mr. Moore	"
Mr. Gordon	"	Mr. Murphy	"
"Yes" 5 "Absent" 3			

The bill was adopted on the following vote:

Bill No. 6

The Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
 of the United States
 Session 1943

Resolution Providing for the Appointment of a Legislative Committee of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands to Study the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands and Prepare a Report of Recommendations of Amendments to be submitted at the 1944 Annual Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands.

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Whereas, It is realized by the People of the Virgin Islands and the members of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands that the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands may be improved by certain vital amendments; and,

Whereas, In order to make well-considered recommendations for amendments it is necessary that a committee be appointed and given adequate time to do such work; and,

Whereas, It will be necessary to hear from officials and citizens of the Virgin Islands their views on proposals charged for the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands; and,

Whereas, The Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands is in a position to make recommendations for amendments of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to Congressional and Administrative authorities in Washington, D. C.:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled, That a Committee of five members be appointed by the Chairman of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands to study the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands and recommend vital and important amendments to said act; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That this committee consist of a chairman, four members of the Municipal Council of St. John's and St. Thomas, and two members of the Municipal Council of St. John's; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That this committee be given authority to call upon any person or organization for information or assistance in the study of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That this committee be authorized to call upon any person or organization for information or assistance in the study of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands; and,

It is further resolved, that the Executive Council shall provide necessary funds for the expenses of functioning of the Committee.

After completing the Orders of the Day, member Gordon moved that the minutes of the last Legislative Assembly be adopted.

The motion was seconded by member Gordon, put to the vote and accepted unanimously.

A discussion followed by the members on the proposed 21 Dec. Res. appointing four delegates to go to Washington.

Nine ballots were then cast. Members Parnock and Plewinski received each 8 ballots. Member Perry received 1 and members Schuler and Harris abstained from voting.

The members of both Groups expressed their deep appreciation and congratulations. They have shown spirit & effort. They also thanked their Chairman and members for their harmonious spirit.

The Chairman, in turn, thanked the members for the honor they conferred on him and the cooperation shown him.

In closing, he wished the members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The Chairman then adjourned the Assembly adjourned for the year 1944 A.D.

Adjourned at 11:50 A.M. Wednesday

December 10, 1944

Joseph W. J.

Carl H. J.

Summary Journal Entry

8th Meeting of December 18, 1944
Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands U.S.
1944 Session

The meeting was convened at 8:30 o'clock by the Chairman, Omar Brown.
The Roll Call revealed 13 members present and 3 absent.

Item 1 on the Orders of the Day was then taken up:

Draft of Ordinance to Govern the Production, Inspection and sale of Milk, Bill No. 1 (Report of the Committee of the Whole).
Sponsor: Valdemar U. Hill, First Member, Town District of St. Thomas.

Mr Hill, the Sponsor, acted as Speaker of the Committee of the Whole on the measure.

The Bill was thoroughly discussed by all members present and on the Second Reading it was adopted by the following Votes and in the following Form:

Mr. Abramson	Yes
Mr. Alexander	"
Mr. Boyce	"
Mr. Brown	"
Mr. Carroll	"
Mr. Fleming	Absent
Mr. Gresham	Yes
Mr. Gordon	"
Mr. Harris	"
Mr. Hill	"
Mr. Hughes	"
Mr. Linscomb	"
Mr. Mattingly	"
Mr. Phipps	Absent
Mr. Sprague	"
Mr. Wall	"

Bill No. 1

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Ordinance to Govern the Production, Inspection, and sale of Milk.

By the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in

the preservation of the health of the people

of the communities of the Virgin Islands, cows shall be healthy and free from any febrile diseases, especially from communicable infections, or inflammatory conditions of the udder. These examinations shall be conducted by the veterinarian and staff. The expenses in connection with said examination shall be paid by the respective Municipality.

Section 2: All persons who in any way come in contact with the milk or milk apparatus shall be free from active communicable diseases or the carrier state of such infections, and therefore be able to present a food handler's certificate (qualifying them following an examination by a physician licensed to practice) in the Virgin Islands.

Section 3: Milking shall be done in a clean shed or open space with concrete floor. The udder shall be washed; the hands of the milker shall be clean and dry and the first milk shall be discarded and good dairy technique observed.

Section 4: The milk shall be received into clean, sterilized pails. Strainers shall be cleaned and boiled morning and evening. Cans and pails shall be cleaned with washing soda or alkali powder (not soap), rinsed in clean water, and then steamed or boiled or chlorinated. Sanitary surveys shall be conducted by sanitation inspectors directed by the Chief Sanitary Physician.

Section 5: All places where milk is sold shall be screened and kept free from flies. The rooms and premises shall be painted and cleaned. The pails, pans and bottles used in these establishments shall be cleaned with washing soda or alkali powder rinsed in clean water and steamed or boiled or chlorinated. Provided, however, that where milk is sold on the street (a) or sold in private home (b), stoppers or covers only shall be used. All persons connected with any establishment selling milk or soft sell milk shall be free from communicable diseases or the carrier state of such infections and shall be able to present a food handler's certificate qualifying them. Such examinations shall be made by a licensed physician in the Virgin Islands.

Section 6: Milk samples shall be taken by the health officer or a qualified physician. Upon receipt of such samples the health officer shall take two specimens thereof, one to be retained in the milk room, fully sealed, and the other to be sent to the laboratory.

Section 7: Every state of this act shall be subject to the order of the Chief Sanitary Physician. No person who is under 18 years of age shall be employed in the milk room or in the laboratory.

Section 8: All prior laws and ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed and shall be void and of no effect.

Section 9: This act shall become effective ninety (90) days after approval by the Governor.

Item 2 was next taken up:

Draft of Law to Govern the Slaughtering and Sale of Meat and Meat Products. Bill No. 2 (Report of the Committee of the Whole) Speaker: Ralph Pairmonty Second Reading - at Large of St. Thomas.

Mr Pairmonty, the Speaker of the Committee of the Whole introduced the measure.

A thorough discussion followed by the members present and on the Second Reading the Bill was adopted by the following votes and in the following form:

Bill No. 2.

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Law to Govern the Slaughtering and Sale of Meat and Meat Products.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled:

Section 1: All livestock to be slaughtered for sale on the Virgin Islands shall have an inspection before slaughter by some competent person who is familiar with livestock. This person should be able to recognize emaciation, weakness, abnormal pregnancy or other obvious pathological conditions which would render the animal unfit for human consumption. The expenses in connection with said inspection shall be paid by the respective municipalities. Proof of ownership of animals to be slaughtered to be given to the inspector.

Section 2: No person suffering from any active communicable or contagious disease shall be employed in the slaughterhouse or in the meat establishment, and no persons employed in the handling of meat or meat products shall submit themselves to any medical or dental examination at least once quarterly to obtain a certificate from the medical officer and shall obtain a certificate from the medical officer.

Section 3: All retail or other meat establishment and premises on or in which any meat or meat products are prepared or handled for public consumption shall be maintained in a sanitary condition and in accordance with regulations to be prescribed by the respective Municipal Health Department and approved by the respective Municipal Councils.

These establishments shall be subject to inspection at any time and those found violating the prescribed regulations shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$25.00 or withdrawal of their license to sell, or closing of the shop until it is properly cleaned so as to pass inspection.

Section 4: All laws or parts of laws or Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 5: This law shall become effective 60 days after approval by the Governor.

The following Votes were taken on the Bill:

Mr. Abrahamson	Yes	
Mr. Alexander	"	
Mr. Bognes	"	
Mr. Brown	"	
Mr. Carroll	"	
Mr. Fleming	" Absent	
Mr. Garding	Yes	
Mr. Gordon	"	
Mr. Harris	Yes	
Mr. Hill	"	
Mr. Jackson	"	
Mr. Parsons	"	
Mr. Rogers	"	
Mr. Sprague	"	
Mr. Wulff	"	
Mr. Bentley	"	

Item 3 was held over and Item 4 was taken in its place.

* Draft of Resolution to Provide for the Appointment of
a Committee to Prepare a Bill to Amend the
Sanitary Code for the purpose of providing for the
inspection of the meat markets of the City of
Chicago, Illinois, by the Committee of the City of
Chicago, Illinois, and the Board of Health, and
the Board of the City of Chicago.

Mr. Harris acted as speaker of the Committee of the City of Chicago on the measure.

The Bill was thoroughly discussed by all members present and was killed because of the negative vote of the members of the Board of Health.

4 only of a provision to pay a five-man jury Island Comptroller \$10.00 per meeting, and the stand of the St. Croix members that their legislature could not afford that amount.

Item 5 "Resolution to Study the Organic Act" was held over.
Item 6 was next considered:

"Draft of Law concerning Actions to Declare Void or Dissolve the Marriage Contract, and for other purposes."
Bill No. 14. (Report of the Committee of the Whole.)
Speakers: Roy D. Gordon, Second Speaker, County District of St. Thomas. L. Hamilton Jackson, Member 1st-District for the Municipality of St. Croix.

Mr. Jackson, one of the sponsors of the Bill, acted as Speaker of the Committee of the Whole on the measure.

A thorough discussion followed by the members present and on a vote of the second reading the bill was adopted by the following votes and in the following form:

Mr. Abrahamson - - -	Yes	Mr. Harris - - -	Yes
Mr. Alexander - - -	"	Mr. Hill - - -	Absent
Mr. Borge - - -	"	Mr. Jackson - - -	Yes
Mr. Brown - - -	"	Mr. S. S. S. - - -	Yes
Mr. Caswell - - -	"	Mr. Pennington - - -	Yes
Mr. Fleming - - -	Absent	Mr. Rhynes - - -	Absent
Mr. Girdle - - -	Yes	Mr. Spence - - -	Yes
Mr. Gordon - - -	Absent	Mr. Huff - - -	"

Bill No. 14

The Eighth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the United States

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Law concerning Actions to Declare Void or Dissolve the Marriage Contract, and for other purposes.

Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled:

Section 1: A husband or wife may maintain an action of equity against the other for a legal separation or the dissolution of the marriage contract, or to have the same declared void, as provided in this chapter.

Section 2: No marriage which is prohibited by law on account of consanguinity between the parties, or on account of affinity between a husband or wife then living

shall, if solemnized within the district, be absolutely void.

Section 3: When either of the parties to a marriage shall be incapable of making such contract or assenting thereto for want of legal age or sufficient understanding, or when the consent of either party shall be obtained by force or fraud, such marriage shall be void from the time it is so declared by the decree of a court having jurisdiction thereof.

Section 4: A marriage may be declared void from the beginning at the action of either party, for any of the causes specified in section two of this chapter, and whether so declared or not shall be deemed and held to be void in any action or proceeding whatever in which the same may become in question; but a marriage once declared to be valid by the judgment of a court having jurisdiction thereof, in an action for that purpose, can not afterwards be questioned for the same cause, direct or otherwise.

Section 5: A marriage shall not be declared void for any of the causes specified in section three of this chapter, except at the action or claim of the party laboring under the disability, or upon whom the force or fraud was imposed or practiced; nor at the action or claim of such party if it appears that the parties freely cohabited together as husband and wife after the party had arrived at legal age, acquired sufficient understanding, been restored to reason, freed from the force, or discovered the fraud, as the case may be.

Section 6: When either husband or wife shall claim or pretend that the marriage is void or voidable, as provided in sections two and three of this chapter, the same may be declared valid and lawful at the action of the other, and in such action the court shall have power, if the pleadings and proof authorize it, to declare such marriage void from the beginning or from the time of the judgment, or that it is, valid and lawful, and binding on the parties thereto.

Section 7: A legal separation or the dissolution of the marriage contract may be obtained at the instance of the injured party upon any of the following causes: (1) Coexisting at the time of the marriage and continuing to the commencement of the action; (2) Adultery; (3) Conviction for felony; (4) Willful desertion for the period of one year; (5) Cruel and inhuman treatment calculated to impair health or endanger life; (6) Insanity of either spouse occurring after marriage; (7) Habitual gross drunkenness contracted since marriage and continuing for one year prior to the commencement of the action; (8) Incontinence of temper.

Section 8: When a marriage has been solemnized in the district an action may be maintained to declare it void if the plaintiff is an inhabitant of the district at the commencement of the action. If the marriage has not been solemnized in the district, such action may be maintained when the plaintiff has been an inhabitant thereof for six weeks prior to the commencement of the action.

Section 9: In an action for the dissolution of the marriage contract or for a legal separation, the plaintiff therein must be an inhabitant of the district at the commencement of the action and for six weeks prior thereto, which residence shall be sufficient to give the Court jurisdiction without regard to the place where the marriage was solemnized or the cause of action arose.

Section 10: In an action for the dissolution of the marriage contract on account of adultery, the defendant may admit the adultery and show in the bar of action: (1) That the act was committed by the procurement or with the connivance of the plaintiff; or, (2) That the act had been expressly forgiven or impliedly so, by the voluntary cohabitation of the parties after knowledge thereof; or, (3) That the plaintiff has been guilty of adultery also without the procurement or connivance of the defendant and not forgiven as provided in subdivision two of this section; or, (4) That the action has not been commenced within one year after the discovery of the act by the plaintiff.

When the action is for any of the causes specified in subdivisions three, four, five or seven of section 7 of this Chapter, the defendant may admit the charge and show in bar of the action that the act was committed by the procurement of the plaintiff, or that it has been expressly forgiven; and in cases the action is founded on subdivision three of said section, the defendant may also show in bar thereof that the action was not prosecuted within one year after the same occurred to the plaintiff.

Section 11: After the commencement of an action, and before a judgment therein, the court or judge thereof may, in its discretion, provide by order as follows: (1) That the husband pay, or secure to be paid, to the clerk of the court such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to enable the wife to prosecute or defend the action, as the court may see fit; (2) For the care, custody, and maintenance of the minor children of the marriage during the pendency of the action; (3) To the freedom of the wife from the control of the husband during the pendency of the action and the court may vest in either or both parties from before the trial of the property of either party pending the action.

Section 12: Whenever a marriage shall be declared void or dissolved the court shall have power to further

degree as follows: (1) For the future care and custody of minor children of the marriage as it may seem just and proper having due regard to the age and sex of such children and unless otherwise manifestly improper giving the preference to the party not in fault; (2) For the recovery from the party in fault, are not allowed the care and custody of such children, such an amount of money, in gross or installments, as may be just and proper for such party to contribute toward the nurture and education thereof; (3) For the recovery from the party in fault such an amount of money, in gross or installments, as may be just and proper for such party to contribute to the maintenance of the other; (4) For the recovery to the wife when she is not the party in fault, of her personal property in the possession or control of the husband and the time of given the judgment; (5) For the appointment of one or more trustees to collect, receive, expend, manage, or invest, on such manner as the court shall direct, any sum of money adjudged for the maintenance of the wife or the nurture and education of minor children committed to her care and custody; (6) No change the name of the wife when she is not the party in fault.

Section 13: At any time after a judgment is given the court or judge thereof, upon the motion of either party or notice shall have power to set aside, alter, or modify as much of the judgment as may provide alimony or for the appointment of trustees for the care and custody of the minor children, or the nurture and education thereof, or the maintenance of either party in the action.

Section 14: A judgment declaring a marriage void or dissolving the relation of husband and wife shall have the effect to terminate such marriage (as if) to both parties, except that neither party shall be capable of contracting with a third person, until the action has been heard and determined on appeal, and if no appeal is taken within the expiration of the period allowed by law to take such an appeal; and if he or she does so contract, such party shall be liable though as if such judgment had not been given. The entire provisions shall be retroactive and all marriage contracts heretofore entered into by divorced persons, in conformity with the within provisions, are valid and binding.

Section 15: All property and ordinary or quiet title in conflict with the provisions of this act and every instrument and title thereto shall be void and of no effect.

Section 16: 30 days (which may be extended by the governor) after the passage of this act shall be in force and effect.

The meeting was then declared Resumed by the Chairman
[Resumed at 12:30 A.M. Dec 19 1944]

✓ Resumed at 9:00 P.M. December ²⁰ 1944.

The meeting was resumed by the Chairman.
The Roll Call revealed 13 members present and 2 absent.

Item 3 on the Orders of the Day was proceeded with:

"Draft of Law Regarding the Practice of Medicine and Its
Allied Sciences in the Virgin Islands of the United
States, (Bill No. 5. (Report of the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsors: Roy D. Gordon, Second Member for the
Territory of District of St. Thomas."

Due to the absence of the sponsor, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jackson acted
as speaker of the Committee of the Whole on the bill.
The bill was discussed thoroughly and on the Second
Reading the bill was adopted by the following votes and
in the following form:

Mr. Abramson	Yes	Mr. Harris	Not Voting
Mr. Alexander	"	Mr. Hill	Not Voting
Mr. Baynes	"	Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Brown	"	Mr. Kiersey	"
Mr. Carroll	"	Mr. O'Leary	Absent
Mr. Fleming	Absent	Mr. Reynolds	Yes
Mr. Gardiner	Yes	Mr. Weaver	"
Mr. Gordon	Absent	Mr. Wolff	"

Bill No. 5

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Law Regarding the Practice of Medicine and Its Allied Sciences
in the Virgin Islands of the United States

As enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in
session assembled:

Section 1. No person shall engage in the practice of
medicine, surgery, dentistry, pharmacy, veterinary medicine
or any other branch of treatment of injuries or diseases
whether or not such person holds any professional license
or is in the line of trade with relation thereto, or diagnosis
or treatment of diseases by the use of medicine or

surgery or any other science whatsoever in the Virgin Islands of the United States of America without first having obtained a license from the Governor on the recommendation of a Board of Examiners or as provided for in section 10 of this Law and having registered same with the Commissioner of Health. Examinations shall be conducted in either municipality by any two members of the Board of Examiners.

Section 2: Application for license shall be sent to the Commissioner of Health and shall be accompanied by satisfactory proof that the applicant is twenty one years of age or over (birth certificate or similar evidence thereof), is of good moral character as shown by at least two letters of favorable character testimony, is not addicted to in temperate use of alcoholic stimulants or narcotic drugs, and is a graduate of an accredited grade "A" school of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy or veterinary medicine, or a grade "A" school of any other system of treatment not otherwise specifically provided for in this Act and the entrance requirements of which are the equivalent of a grade "A" medical school, and in the case of medicine the applicant must have satisfactorily completed at least one year internship in a hospital recognized by the American Medical Association, provided however, that this section shall not operate to exclude any bona fide research worker whether an alien or a citizen who does not practice for a fee and such workers shall not be required to pay the usual license fee nor submit to an examination.

Section 3: A Board of Medical Examiners shall be appointed annually by the Governor to investigate the credentials of any applicant, and if the credentials are found to be satisfactory, the applicant may be requested to appear in person before the Board and submit to an examination upon such subjects of his profession or system of treatment as the Board deems advisable. Such Board shall be constituted as follows:

For the practice of medicine and surgery	3 M. D.
For the practice of dentistry	1 M. D. + 2 D. D. S.
For the practice of pharmacy	3 pharmacists
For the practice of veterinary	1 D. V. M. + 2 V. M. S.

Two members of the Board shall constitute a quorum and may constitute a Supervisory Board with the consent of the applicant. The Board may appoint equally of members of the profession for the practice of which a license is sought. In case of vacancy on the Board the Governor shall appoint a substitute.

No member shall serve upon the Board who is not eligible to practice in the Virgin Islands of the United States.

The Board of Medical Examiners shall have the power to frame its own rules of business. It shall have the right to counsel, to subpoena witnesses, and to administer oaths.

Section 4: The applicant who has been requested to take an examination shall satisfactorily pass the prescribed examinations with an average mark of at least seventy five percent on the basis of a total possible one hundred percent before favorable recommendation can be considered.

The reports of all examinations with the Board's recommendation shall be forwarded via the Commissioner of Health to the Governor who, upon favorable report, issues the license.

The Governor shall refuse to issue a license where the Board so recommends and he may revoke any license where the Board finds the practitioner guilty of a felony or he or she has been deemed by the Board to be guilty of negligence, incompetency, unprofessional conduct, or intemperate use of alcohol or stimulants, or narcotic drugs, or for other good and sufficient reasons, and it shall be the duty of the Board to investigate such cases as may be brought before it by the Commissioner of Health.

The requirements herein do not apply to persons authorized at the time of enactment of this law to practice in the Virgin Islands, except insofar as paragraph three of this section relative to the revocation of licenses, may be applicable.

Section 5: A fee of sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) shall be paid to the Commissioner of Health by each applicant for a license, fifty dollars of which goes to the Municipal Treasury where the individual intends to practice as a license fee and fifteen dollars to the Board of Examiners for services rendered. The said sum shall be deposited by the applicant before any action is taken by the Board.

In the event of the applicant failing to obtain a license, fifty dollars of the sixty-five dollars stipulated above shall be returned to the applicant. Where the Board calls upon a professional person to assist in the conducting of an examination, he shall be paid the sum of five dollars, paid sum to be deducted from the fifty dollars which might otherwise go to the local treasury or be returned to the applicant, as the case may be.

Section 6: No person shall practice as nurse, obstetrical nurse (nurse-midwife), or masseuse (massage), without first having passed on the recommendation of the Board of Nurses' Examiners, as in and from the Board of Nurses' Examiners.

and having first registered same with the Commissioner of Health.

The application for license shall be sent to the Commissioner of Health and shall be accompanied as in the case of doctors by testimonials of good moral character, and certificate of graduation from an accredited training school for nurses in the case of nurses and obstetrical nurses (nurses midwives) and certificate of satisfactory training in the case of masseurs (massageurs).

Section 7: It shall be the duty of the Board of Nurses' Examiners to investigate the credentials of the aforementioned applicants, and if the credentials are found to be satisfactory, the Board will then proceed according to their rules of business to examine the applicants on the subjects of their respective professions and the reports provided as in the case of doctors aforementioned in this Law. Nurses graduated from the General Hospital shall be licensed at once.

The requirements herein do not apply to nurses, obstetrical nurses (midwives), and masseurs authorized to practice in the Virgin Islands of the United States at the time of the enactment of this Law except insofar as section three relative to the revocation of license maybe applicable.

Section 8: The sum of thirty-five dollars shall be forwarded to the Commissioner of Health by each applicant for a license to practice nursing, midwifery, or massage, twenty dollars of which are to go to the local treasury, and fifteen dollars to the Board for services rendered.

Section 9: No person shall engage in the practice of pharmacy insofar as it relates to the prescription of poisons, without first paying the license fee from the Governor after satisfactorily proving to the Board his or her qualifications and ability to do so.

Applicants for the practice of optometry shall make application to the Commissioner of Health and pay the fee stated in reference to doctors, nurses, obstetrical nurses (midwives), and masseurs, and the application shall be accompanied by the name of the institution of optometry and certificate of having had at least two years of high school and three years work in a hospital where he is an officer, or that he is a graduate of an accredited school of optometry.

The right to revocation of license to practice optometry is applicable as stated in paragraph 1 of section 4.

A fee of fifteen dollars shall accompany the application for a license to practice optometry in the Virgin Islands of the United States, thirty five dollars of which are to go to the respective Municipal Treasury and fifteen dollars to the Board for services rendered.

Any applicant now practicing optometry in the Virgin Islands of the United States, who practiced continuously therein for a period of at least five years will not be required to pay any fee, or submit to examination for the license prescribed by this law.

Section 10: A license to practice any of the healing arts in any other State or Territory or possession of the United States coming within the scope of this Act may be accepted in lieu of the examination herein provided; provided, however, that any practitioner holding such a license and who complies with all other requirements of section 4 of this law may be granted a license to practice in the Virgin Islands on recommendation of the Commissioners of Health and the Board, without taking the examination but on payment of the usual license fee.

Provided further that practitioners falling within the scope of this law and who hold commissions in the Regular Federal Service, such as the Army, Navy, United States Public Health Service, or who hold appointments in the United States Civil Service, if they wish to engage in private practice, may be granted temporary free of cost, valid during their terms of duty provided they are willing to assist the Municipal Hospitals in some branch of medicine.

And provided further that practitioners falling within the scope of this law while in the employ of the Municipality, may be granted a license to do private practice without payment of the fee requiring him to take the usual examination.

This section shall in no way be construed to apply to persons not duly authorized to practice in the Virgin Islands of the United States.

Section 11: Any person who practices any system of medicine in the Virgin Islands of the United States without complying with the license prescribed in this law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction be punished by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars or by imprisonment not to exceed six months or both in fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.



The Assembly then proceeded with Item 5.

Resolution to Provide for the Appointment of a Committee to Study the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands of the United States.

Bill No 10 (Report of the Committee of the Whole.)
Speaker: Roy P. Gordon, Second Member, Country
District of St. John.

The Sponsor, Mr. Gordon, being absent, Mr. Garding acted as Speaker for the Committee of the Whole on the measure. A thorough discussion followed and on the close of the Second Reading the bill was adopted by the following votes and in the following form:

Mr. Abraham	Yes	Mr. Harris	Yes
Mr. Alexander	"	Mr. Hall	"
Mr. Boyce	"	Mr. Jackson	"
Mr. Brown	"	Mr. Kienemann	"
Mr. Carroll	"	Mr. Pennington	Absent
Mr. Fleming	Absent	Mr. Rhysker	"
Mr. Girding	Yes	Mr. Spence	Yes
Mr. Gordon	Absent	Mr. Walcott	"

Bill No. 10

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Resolution to Provide for the Appointment of a Committee to Study
the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands of the United States

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Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the
United States: In session assembled:

Section 1: I hereby hereby authorized and create a Committee
whose duty it shall be to study the Organic Act of the
Virgin Islands of the United States approved June 2, 1936,
and to make suggestions to the Governor before revision thereof.

Section 2: The Committee shall consist of five (5)
persons, one of whom shall be elected by the Governor of
St. John, one elected by the Governor of St. John, one elected
by the Governor of St. John, two to be appointed by the Governor
of whom one shall be from the Municipality of St. John
and St. John and one shall be from the Municipality
of St. John and the fifth shall be to be appointed
by the Governor provided that should there be no person
fail to agree to a candidate for a fifth member

of the Committee, the Governor shall make that appointment. The members to serve on this committee shall be elected by the respective Municipal Councils, not later than January 31, 1945.

Section 3: The Committee shall report its findings and suggestions to the Governor of the Virgin Islands not later than June 30, 1945.

Item 9 was next taken up for consideration:

Draft of Resolution Petitioning the Congress of the United States to Extend to the American Citizens and Voters of the Virgin Islands the Right to Participate in National Elections and Permit them to Vote for a President and Vice President of the United States of America. Bill No. 20 (Report of the Committee of the Whole) Spoken Ralph P. Parnoch, Second Member at Large for St. Thomas.

Mr Parnoch being the Speaker of the Committee of the Whole discussed the measure:
After a thorough discussion, and on the Second Reading Bill No. 20 was adopted by the following Votes and in the following Form:

Mr. Abrahamson	Yea	Mr. Harris	Absent
Mr. Alexander	"	Mr. Hill	"
Mr. Baynes	"	Mr. Jackson	Yea
Mr. Brown	"	Mr. Parnoch	"
Mr. Carroll	"	Mr. Pennington	Absent
Mr. Fleming	Absent	Mr. Poyner	"
Mr. Gaudin	Yea	Mr. Spence	Yea
Mr. Gordon	Absent	Mr. Wallf	"

Bill No. 20

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Resolution Petitioning the Congress of the United States to Extend to the American Citizens and Voters of the Virgin Islands the Right to Participate in National Elections and Permit them to Vote for President and Vice President of the United States of America

Whereas, the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands passed by Congress on June 18, 1936 extended the right of suffrage to all American citizens over 21 years of age residing in

the Virgin Islands to participate in local elections; and,

Whereas, This provision has been carried out in an orderly democratic manner; and,

Whereas, The people of the Virgin Islands are loyal American Citizens and can qualify to vote and do vote in national elections, when they become residents of any of the states of the Union; and

Whereas, The Virgin Islands on account of limitation of size and population can never attain the status of a state becoming the state of the United States; and, thereby never qualify for these requirements to participate in national elections; and,

Whereas, The Congress of the United States has recently indicated a more liberal attitude by its action to provide for members of the Armed Forces outside the United States to participate in national elections; and,

Whereas, The condition of the American Citizens and Voters of the Virgin Islands may be considered in the same category;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled, that the Congress of the United States be and is hereby respectfully petitioned to extend to the American Citizens and Voters of the Virgin Islands the right to participate in national elections and permit them to vote for President and Vice President of the United States of America; and,

Be It Further Resolved, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Members of the Senate Committee on Territories and Insular Affairs, Members of the House of Representatives Committee, the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, and the Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman

Resolved at 11:20 a.m.

Reconvened at 8:30 P. M. December 19, 1944

The meeting was reconvened by the Chairman.
The Roll Call revealed 13 members present and 3 absent.

Item 7 was placed before the members for their consideration:

"Draft of Resolution in Recognition, Appreciation and Gratitude to His Excellency Charles Hammond, Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, for his first effort and persistence in securing for the Virgin Islands of the United States a Federal Public Works Appropriation of One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars. Bill No. 16. (Speaker: Oswald C. Harris, Second Member, Crown District of St. John's.)"

Mr. Harris being the Speaker of the Committee of the Whole made his introduction on the measure.

A thorough discussion followed and on the close of the Second Reading the bill was adopted by the following votes and in the following form:

Mr. Abramson	Absent	Mr. Harris	Yes
Mr. Alexander	Yes	Mr. Hill	"
Mr. Boyner	"	Mr. Jackson	"
Mr. Brown	"	Mr. O'Brien	"
Mr. Canoll	"	Mr. Pennington	"
Mr. Fleming	Absent	Mr. Rhymer	Absent
Mr. Gardiner	Yes	Mr. Shawe	Yes
Mr. Gordon	"	Mr. Telford	"

Bill No. 16

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Resolution in Recognition, Appreciation and Gratitude to His Excellency Charles Hammond, Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, for his first effort and persistence in securing for the Virgin Islands of the United States a Federal Public Works Appropriation of One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars.

It is noted, Governor Charles Hammond, in his inaugural address to the People of the Virgin Islands in February of 1941, gave promise that his chief objective was the rehabilitation of the Virgin Islands and their advancement from grossly sub-standard conditions to the level of up-to-date modern Caribbean communities; and,

It is noted, Governor Hammond fought sincerely and unflinchingly for the fulfillment of this objective. The large sum of money has been actually received by the authorization for an appropriation

\$10,000,000 for this purpose by the Congress of the United States; and

Whereas, Governor Harwood's absence from the Islands are now regarded by the Islands' People as having been fully vindicated; and,

Whereas, It is the unanimous desire of the people of the Virgin Islands, through their Legislative Assembly, now in session, to record some testimonial in recognition of the triumph of Governor Harwood over all doubts and fears, and in gratitude and appreciation for his sincerity, strength of effort, and degree of achievement in behalf of the people of the Virgin Islands.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session (accepted), that the people of the Virgin Islands do hereby make record, their recognition, appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to his Excellency, Charles Harwood, Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, for his sympathetic, devoted and untiring effort and effective achievement in securing authorization for a Federal appropriation of \$10,000,000 for construction in the Virgin Islands of public works projects of a permanent community value; and,

Be It Further Resolved, and it is hereby further resolved, that Friday, February 2, 1948, the fourth anniversary of Governor Harwood's inauguration as Governor of the Virgin Islands, be and is hereby designated as "Governor Harwood Day" within the Virgin Islands of the United States, and the Acting Governor of the Virgin Islands be and he is hereby requested and authorized to declare that day as a public holiday within the Virgin Islands of the United States; and the Chairman of the Municipal Council in each Municipality be and he is hereby requested and authorized to arrange a suitable program of public appreciation and gratitude for the supreme service rendered the Virgin Islands by Governor Harwood in securing the basis of lasting improvements for the islands; and,

Be It Further Resolved, and it is hereby further resolved, that the Municipal Council in each Municipality shall upon completion of the most outstanding project on each island from the appropriation referred to, prepare and designate such project as a memorial in honor of Governor Charles Harwood, Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States; and,

Be It Further Resolved, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Charles Harwood, the Acting Governor, the Chairman of the Municipal Council of St. John and the Chairman of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John.

Item 8 was next considered:

"Resolution Repudiating the Book 'The Virgin Islands and Their People' in the Name and Honor of the People of the Virgin Islands and Urgently Petitioning the Governor of the Virgin Islands to Remove J. Antonis Jarvis, Author of Said Publication, from the School System of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John. Bill No. 19 (Report of the Committee of the Whole). Speakers: Isaac Boyce, First Member, Fredericksted County District; Roy W. Gordon, Second Member, County District of St. Thomas."

On Tuesday, Roy W. Gordon, of the Committee of the Whole introduced his measure.

After a thorough discussion and on the close of the Second Reading, Bill No. 19 was adopted by the following votes and in the following form:

Mr. Abramson	Absent	Mr. Harris	Not Voting
Mr. Alexander	Yes	Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Boyce	"	Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Brown	"	Mr. Parnumby	"
Mr. Carroll	Not Voting	Mr. Penning	"
Mr. Fleming	Absent	Mr. Rhymond	Absent
Mr. Gordan	Yes	Mr. Sprawle	Yes
Mr. Gordon	Yes	Mr. Wulff	"

Bill No. 19

The Eighth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
(of the United States)

Session 1944

Resolution Repudiating the Book 'The Virgin Islands and Their People' in the Name and Honor of the People of the Virgin Islands and Urgently Petitioning the Governor of the Virgin Islands to Remove J. Antonis Jarvis, Author of Said Publication, from the School System of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John.

Whereas, J. Antonis Jarvis has written and caused to be published a book titled "The Virgin Islands and Their People"; and,

Whereas, while this book purports to characterize and describe the people of the Virgin Islands, it denounces them, exposing all the islands' people to infamy, disgrace and contempt of their own government and also of the outside world; and,

Whereas, this book is full of untrue, grossly immoral and corrupt material, and is unfit for adult reading and dissemination for youth consumption; and,

Whereas, The People of the Virgin Islands are justifiably indignant against the malignant injustice perpetrated against them by the author of this book, and have petitioned their Legislative Assembly now in session to denounce and repudiate same as untrue and unjust to this generation of American citizens residing in the Virgin Islands and on the continent of the United States; and,

Whereas, These remarks must have an adverse effect on the postwar tourist trade for the Virgin Islands and on present and prospective employers of domestics in the Virgin Islands and on the continent of the United States of America; and,

Whereas, The loss of honest work as domestics, due to the prejudices created by Mr Jarvis' book, will cause misery and privation to those who can least afford to be thrown out of jobs or barred from one through the thoughtless vulgarity and filth in the mind of the author of this book:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled:

(1) That the book entitled "The Virgin Islands and their People" is hereby repudiated by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in the name and honor of all Virgin Islanders as a great injustice to the people of the Virgin Islands, and that the use of this book for reading purposes as a reference text or otherwise, be banned from any school of the Virgin Islands, or Public Library or other Government institutions in the Virgin Islands;

(2) That the Governor of the Virgin Islands, be and he is hereby petitioned to direct the Superintendent of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John to investigate immediately the immoral statements made against the people of the Virgin Islands and contained in the book "The Virgin Islands and their People" written by Anthony Jarvis, and to remove the said Mr. Jarvis from the school, except for some cause why he should not be dismissed from the Department of Education for the publication of said statements, and for other immoral confidences to continue as a member of the teaching staff of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John; and

(3) That no funds be appropriated in the budget of either Municipality or otherwise which will continue to pay the salary of Jarvis in the Department of Education;

Be It And It Is hereby further Resolved, That the said Resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the Virgin Islands, and that copies thereof be transmitted to the School Board of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John,

the Superintendent of Education, the Chairmen of the respective Municipal Councils and the Chairmen of the Municipal Committee of St. Thomas and St. John.

Item 10 was placed before the members for consideration:

Draft of Resolution to Petition the Congress of the
United States to Amend the Organic Act of the Virgin
Islands, for a Resident Commissioner. (Bill No. 21.
(Report of the Committee of the Whole) Speaker
Ralph Rasmussen, Second Member-at-Large for St. Thomas.

The Speaker, Mr. Rasmussen, of the Committee of the Whole introduced his bill to the members.

A thorough discussion followed and on the Second Reading was adopted by the following votes and in the following form:

Mr. Abrahamson	Absent	Mr. Harris	Yes
Mr. Alexander	Yes	Mr. Hill	"
Mr. Boynes	"	Mr. Jackson	"
Mr. Brown	"	Mr. Rasmussen	"
Mr. Carroll	"	Mr. Pennington	"
Mr. Fleming	Absent	Mr. Rasmussen	Absent
Mr. Gaudin	Yes	Mr. Spawc	Yes
Mr. Gordon	"	Mr. Wulff	"

Bill No. 21

The Eighteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
 of the United States

Session 1944

Resolution to Petition the Congress of the United States to Amend the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to Provide for a Resident Commissioner.

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Whereas, the Hawaiian Islands and Alaska have the authority to send delegates to the Congress of the United States; and,

Whereas, Puerto Rico and the Philippine Islands have the authority to send Commissioners to the Congress of the United States; and,

Whereas, the Virgin Islands, which are also an Insular Possession of the United States, under an Organic Act establishing the basic branches of Government, do not have the authority to send either a delegate or Commissioner to the Congress of the United States; and,

Whereas, it is well known that a Resident Commissioner is of great importance at the seat of the National Government to present the views of the people of the Virgin Islands so that information may be given and in a timely manner made for their benefit; and,

Whereas, A number of self-appointed and unauthorized persons have set themselves up as legal representatives of the people of the Virgin Islands, and in that role have given wrong information to those in authority, thereby creating false impressions much to the detriment of the welfare and advancement of the Islands; and

Whereas, As a consequence thereof, the Virgin Islands have suffered greatly through lack of a duly authorized representative of the People of the Virgin Islands at the seat of the National Government;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the United States, in session assembled, that the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands be amended to provide for a Resident Commissioner as follows:

"Section 70: The Legislative Assembly shall convene as soon as possible after the approval of this Act, at the call of the Governor, or by joint Resolutions of both principal Councils, for the purpose of electing a Resident Commissioner to the United States, whose term of office shall begin on the date of the issuance of his certificate of election and shall continue for a term of four years. The Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands shall elect a Resident Commissioner to the United States, whose term of office shall be for four years, following such election and, who shall be entitled to receive official recognition as such Commissioner by all of the departments of the United States upon presentation, through the Department of the Interior, of a certificate of election of the Governor of the Virgin Islands. The Resident Commissioner shall receive the salary payable by the United States, of \$10,000 per annum. Such Commissioner shall be allowed the same sum for stationery and for the pay of necessary clerks, hire as is now allowed to the members of the House of Representatives of the United States; and he shall be allowed the sum of \$500 as mileage for each session of the House of Representatives and the traveling privilege granted members of the Congress. No person shall be eligible to election as Resident Commissioner who is not a bona fide citizen of the United States and who is less than 25 years of age and who does not read and write the English language. In case of a vacancy in the Office of Resident Commissioner by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Governor, and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly, shall appoint a Resident Commissioner to fill the vacancy, who shall serve until the next general election and until his successor is elected and qualified."

And it is further Resolved, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Chairman of the Committee on Territories and Insular Affairs of the Senate, the Chairman of the Committee on Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, the Director of Territories and Island Possessions, and the Governor of the Virgin Islands.

The Chairman then declared the meeting Adjourned for the lack of a quorum.

[Adjourned at 1:00 o'clock P. M.]
December 20, 1944

Chairman

Secretary

Summary

The Ninth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands First Session 1945

The 1945 First Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the United States was held at the Municipal Council Chamber, Charlotte Amalie, St. John, Virgin Islands, Monday, April 23, 1945, at 2:00 P. M., to Friday, April 27, 1945, at 10:30 A. M.

The Assembly was called to order by the Acting Chairman Hon. James D. Brown. The Acting Chairman then asked the Acting Secretary to read the Resolutions passed by the Municipal Council of Charlotte Amalie and St. John, convening the Assembly.

The Secretary read as follows:

Municipal Council Bill No. 12
of the Council - First Session
1945

Resolution creating a Special Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands

Resolved, That a Special Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands be called for the purpose of considering the matters by which the

proposed (as created) a committee from the Municipal Council of St. John and St. John, and a majority of the

members of the Municipal Council of St. Croix agreed that the matter was important and urgent enough to call a Special Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands to express in details the desires and wishes of the representatives of the people of the Virgin Islands; and,

Whereas, There are other items that may be considered at a special session of the Assembly, thus expediting action on matters for the benefit of the people of the Virgin Islands; and,

Whereas, In accordance with Section 7 of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, the Legislative Assembly may be convened by resolutions passed by both Municipal Councils:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, And it is hereby resolved, by the Municipal Council of St. Croix that a Special Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands be called by the Chairman of said Assembly for April 23, 1945, at 2:00 o'clock P. M., in Charlotte, Andree, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, in order that the following items may be discussed, and appropriate action taken:

Item 1. Draft of Resolution Expressing the Interest and Desire of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in the prompt and proper execution of the Public Works Program, as outlined in Bill H. R. 5024, passed by the Congress of the United States and approved by the President, and for other purposes.

Item 2. Discussion as to the interest calculated for the various projects included in the building program of the said Bill H. R. 5024.

And It be Further Resolved, That the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John, be, and are hereby requested to pass a resolution similar to this, and to sign the same.

Witness my hand and seal of the Municipal Council of St. Croix, this 14th day of April, 1945.

Witness my hand and seal of the Municipal Council of St. John, this 14th day of April, 1945.

14 day of April, 1945
St. Croix
St. John

The Assistant was then directed to call the Roll which was as follows:

Seven Present - Nine Absent.

Recovered Tuesday, April 24, Pursuant to General Consent.

The credentials were accepted as satisfactory by general consent of the House.

The Assistant then called the Roll as follows:

Mr. Alexander	Present	Mr. Harley	Present
Mr. Brown	"	Mr. Joseph	"
Mr. Gault	Absent	Mr. Jackson	"
Mr. Fleming	"	Mr. Rogers	"
Mr. Harding	Present	Mr. Richmond	Absent
Mr. Hardy	"	Mr. Rhymes	Present
Mr. Harris	"	Mr. Penning	"
Mr. Hill	"	Mr. Spawey	"

24 Having a unanimous consent, the Acting Chairman proceeded with the business of the Assembly.

The motion moved that the officers that stood at the
 ceremony on the 1st of July be appointed to receive the
 money of the jubilee.
 The motion passed seconded by Mr. Rogers.
 The vote was carried unanimously.

On Mr. Phyness's motion, the Society rose ^{for an adjournment} in respect to the memory of the late Franklin V. Phyness.

Mr. Peathey moved that the Assembly rise in respect to the late Isaac Royce. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhynes, put to the vote and carried.

One minute of silence then followed.

Following up on the motion of Member Hill and the second of Member Peathey, the following resolution was taken up:

Draft of Resolution In Memory of the
Late Franklin Delano Roosevelt.
Bill No. 2. Proposed by O. E. Harris.

The Secretary read the Resolution and a letter transmitting the resolution to the Assembly.

The President in turn made his introductory remarks. A discussion followed and several amendments were made. On the close of the second discussion Bill No. 2 was adopted by the following vote and in the following form:

Mr. Alexander --- Yes
Mr. Brown --- Yes
Mr. Carroll --- Aye
Mr. Fleming --- Aye
Mr. Goodrich --- Yes
Mr. Gordon --- Yes
Mr. Harris --- Yes
Mr. Hill --- Yes

Mr. Hurley --- Yes
Mr. Jackson --- Yes
Mr. Joseph --- Yes
Mr. Meyer --- Yes
Mr. Patterson --- Aye
Mr. Peathey --- Yes
Mr. Rhynes --- Aye
Mr. Spence --- Yes

Bill No. 2.

The Ninth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands

Of the United States

1st Session 1945

Testimonial in Memory of the late Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Whereas, On April 12, 1945, the people of the Virgin Islands heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the heart-breaking announcement of the sudden death of our illustrious President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt; and

Whereas, It is the profound wish of the people of the Virgin Islands to be assured of the perpetuity and preservation of such a noble and heroic leadership in the future; and

Whereas, It is the wish of the people of the Virgin Islands to be assured of the perpetuity and preservation of such a noble and heroic leadership in the future; and

the Governor expressed his regret at not being able to be present (at the present session of the Legislative Assembly, communicating his best wishes for a successful meeting of the membership in this letter, the Acting Governor also said he would be pleased, at the instance of the Chairman, to appear before the Assembly, (as customary, as soon as its organization was complete) to deliver a brief message to the body.

The Acting Governor then made a few remarks to the Assembly and conveyed greetings from Governor Harwood.

The Chairman introduced the 3 new members from St. Louis to the Acting Governor.

The meeting was then declared recessed by the Chairman in favor of the majority of the members.

Reconvened Pursuant to General Consent on Wednesday afternoon, April 25, 1915 at 2:00 o'clock P.M.

The Assembly was convened by the Chairman.
The Roll - was called as follows:

Mr. Alexander - - - - Present	Mr. Harley - - - - Present
Mr. Brown - - - - "	Mr. Jackson - - - - "
Mr. Carroll - - - - absent	Mr. Joseph - - - - "
Mr. Fleming - - - - "	Mr. Kroyer - - - - "
Mr. Gardine - - - - Present	Mr. Paisanovsky - - - - absent
Mr. Gordon - - - - absent	Mr. Penning - - - - "
Mr. Harris - - - - Present	Mr. Rhys - - - - Present
Mr. Hill - - - - "	Mr. Sprague - - - - "

The Assistant Secretary read the following correspondence:

1. Letter dated January 22, 1915; to the Chairman of the Assembly, from the Acting Governor of the Virgin Islands, advising of his approval of Bill No. 1 of the Eighth Legislative Assembly, Entitled "To amend the Production, Inspection and sale of milk and milk products, by expiration of the thirty-day limit stipulated for action, by the Executive and Legislature on the reason for allowing this bill to become law, as a matter of its expediency, in the opinion of the Administration, to make effective the type of control thought most desirable."
2. Letter to the Chairman of the Legislative Assembly, from the Acting Governor, the Virgin Islands, advising of his signing of Bill No. 5 of the 8th Legislative Assembly, law to govern the practice of medicine and its allied arts; and observing that the

bill also is deemed incomplete, but was approved as it gives the health authorities the power to promulgate rules and regulations to create the necessary controls, and stating also because some control, no matter how inadequate, is better than none at all.

3. Letter to the Chairman of the Legislative Assembly, from the Acting Governor of the Virgin Islands, informing that Bill No. 2 has been approved, a law to govern the slaughter of meat, and the sale thereof; but that this law also is deemed inadequate to fulfill the purpose behind its enactment, and expressing the hope and desire for its improvement at an early date.
4. Letter dated December 29, 1944, to the Chairman of the Legislative Assembly, from the Acting Governor of the Virgin Islands, advising of Executive Approval of Bill No. 14, a law governing the dissolution of the marriage contract.

There being no comments on the above correspondence, the Chairman proceeded with the reading of the following:

1. Letter dated December 28, 1944, to the Chairman of the Legislative Assembly, from the Acting Governor of the Virgin Islands, relating that there is before him a resolution adopted by the 1st Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands on December 12, 1944, regarding "Maintenance of Public Order," and petitioning the Government to direct the school board to investigate the matter and to require the said J. Antonio Periera to be removed from the Department of Education, and stating that he would not go through the school board because of the constitutional right of freedom of the press and of speech; and adding that since the council reserves the right out of appropriate funds with which to pay the salaries of school officers, it is necessary for the school board to take action, the case having been prejudged.
2. Letter dated December 27, 1944, to the Chairman of the Legislative Assembly, from the Acting Governor of the Virgin Islands, stating that he had transmitted a copy of a resolution presented by him, dated November 15, 1944, and which was approved by the Council of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, to the Chairman of the Council of the Virgin Islands, for the Council's consideration.
3. Letter dated January 1, 1945, to the Chairman of the Legislative Assembly, from the Acting Governor of the Virgin Islands,

acknowledging receipt of resolution adopted by the Assembly paying him honor for his success in receiving passage by the U. S. Congress of the ten-million dollar appropriation authorization; expressing his gratitude and appreciation thereof; and emphasizing his deep regret at hearing the sad news of the demise of the Honorable Isaac Boyer, a member of the St. Croix Council.

4. Cablegram to the Honorable Omar Brown, Chairman of the Legislative Assembly, from the Chairman of the St. Croix Council, stating that the members of the Assembly from St. Croix would arrive in St. Thomas on the morning and afternoon of April 28, 1945.
5. Cablegram to the Chairman of the Legislative Assembly, from the Honorable Ralph Renshaw, Chairman of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas, and St. John's, stating that he will be in St. Thomas on May 1, wishing to address the members of the Assembly as successful seafarers; and stating that he is doing much work for the economic benefit and uplift of the Virgin Islands.
6. Letter dated April 20, to the Chairman of the Legislative Assembly, Omar Brown, from the President of Federal Labor Union No. 28666, Waldemar A. Hill, stating that in order that the honorable members of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands may have as much information as possible, he has transmitted copy of letter received by him from the Administrator of the Federal Works Agency, and pointing out that Major Fleming, its administrator, has stated that no work will be started until the end of the war, until labor and materials become available.
7. Ready letter from the Federal Works Agency signed by its administrator, Major P. B. Fleming, to the Honorable Waldemar A. Hill, pointing out that certain projects under the ten-million dollar appropriation authorization be suspended in the present unemployment situation, stating that this work will not be begun until after the war.

Members Alexander and Hill made good use of the above information.

Items on the Order of the Day were taken up by the Chairman:

The Superintendent of Public Works was called in connection with the following item:

"Draft of Resolution Expressing the Interest and Desire of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in the prompt and proper Education of the Public Schools, as outlined in Bill H. R. 5029, passed by the Congress of the United States and approved by the President, and for other purposes."

The Assistant Secretary read the bill in full. Member Hill presented the draft of Resolution to the Assembly.

By unanimous consent the Chairman declared the meeting recessed.

Reconvened Pursuant to General Consent On April 26, 1940 at 10:00 A. M. Thursday.

The Assembly was declared convened by the Chairman. The Roll was called as follows:

Mr. Alexander - - - - Present	Mr. Hurley - - - - Present
Mr. Brown - - - - "	Mr. Jackson - - - - "
Mr. Carroll - - - - Absent	Mr. Joseph - - - - "
Mr. Fleming - - - - "	Mr. Hayes - - - - "
Mr. Cardile - - - - Present	Mr. Calverley - - - - Absent
Mr. Lydon - - - - "	Mr. Connelly - - - - "
Mr. Harris - - - - "	Mr. Rhymer - - - - Present
Mr. Hill - - - - "	Mr. Spence - - - - "

A quorum being present, the Chairman proceeded with the business of the Assembly.

Honorable D. Hamilton Jackson, Member-at-Large for St. Croix, presented the committee's report on the bill.

On the motion of member Hill, seconded by member Spence and unanimously adopted the committee's report was adopted.

The report of the Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 1 was read by the Secretary.

The Chairman declared the bill opened for amendments and remarks.

Thorough discussion followed. [See pages 22-39] In the close of the second discussion the bill was adopted by the following votes and in the following manner:

Mr. Alexander - - - - Yes	Mr. Hurley - - - - Yes
Mr. Brown - - - - "	Mr. Jackson - - - - "
Mr. Carroll - - - - "	Mr. Joseph - - - - "
Mr. Cardile - - - - Yes	Mr. Hayes - - - - Absent
Mr. Lydon - - - - "	Mr. Connelly - - - - "
Mr. Harris - - - - Yes	Mr. Rhymer - - - - Yes
Mr. Hill - - - - "	Mr. Spence - - - - "

Vote - Yes 6, No 1, & Absent.

Bill No. 1.

The Ninth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
Of the United States
1st Session 1945

Resolution Expressing the Interest and Desire of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in the Prompt and Proper Execution of the Public Works Program for the Virgin Islands, as outlined in Public Law 510, passed by the United States Congress and approved by the President, and for other purposes.

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Whereas, The Congress of the United States has adopted Law 510, providing for the authorization of an appropriation of Six Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,800,000) for a Public Works Program for the Virgin Islands; and,

Whereas, The Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, as the highest legislative body in the Virgin Islands, composed of members directly elected by the people of the Virgin Islands, has a definite and keen interest in the prompt execution of the projects included in this Public Works Program; and,

Whereas, Due to the termination of war construction projects in the Virgin Islands, the ranks of unemployment have already reached hundreds of workers and their families in the islands of St. Croix, St. John and St. John, which comprise the Virgin Islands of the United States; and,

Whereas, The sugar cane crop and sugar processing season, which is the chief industry of the island of St. Croix will be completed by May 1946, with no source of employment for hundreds of workers there in view; and,

Whereas, Public Law 510 provides that certain projects shall be considered priority projects for the purpose of making specific appropriations for prompt execution; and,

Whereas, The Administration of the Federal Government, Washington, D. C., has given its approval stating that the construction will begin until after the summer, or until men and materials are available; and,

Whereas, There are certain projects which are of the greatest priority and which can be executed at the present time, because men and materials are available for that purpose; and,

Whereas, Section 11 of Law 510 provides that the appropriation shall be available in 1945, and that the amount of the appropriation shall be available for the purpose of the construction of the projects included in the program; and,

Whereas, It is the intent and desire of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands to have these facts and the picture of the economic plight of the people of the Virgin Islands presented in an efficient, and convincing manner to the Administrator and other officials of the Federal Works Agency, Washington, D. C.; and, if necessary, to the House of Representatives Committee, and the Appropriations Committee of the United States Congress or any other official group or individual that may be connected with this Public Works Program for the Virgin Islands; and,

Whereas, the cooperation of the Executive Branch of Government in the Virgin Islands is necessary in order that the best interest of the people may be served:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby resolved, by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in Special Session assembled, That:

(1) The economic plight of the People of the Virgin Islands be presented in an efficient and convincing manner to the Administrator, Federal Works Agency, Washington, D. C., and any other official groups in Washington connected with the execution of the Virgin Islands Public Works Program;

(2) That the priority projects for which men and materials are now available in the Virgin Islands for their execution be presented to the Federal Works Agency, along with all necessary details; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That in order that the provisions of this Resolution be effected, a Delegation of three members of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands be elected by said body to proceed to Washington, D. C., as soon as possible, after transportation costs, and subsistence at the rate of thirty dollars per diem per day of the members of the Delegation shall be provided by the Municipal Councils of St. Croix and/or St. Thomas and St. John; Provided that the Delegation shall remain on official business not exceeding thirty (30) days; and,

It is further Resolved, That the Governor be and he is hereby requested to allow the Superintendent of Public Works of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John to accompany the Delegation; and his transportation and subsistence at the same rate of the members of the Delegation to be provided by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John; and,

It is further Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, the Administrator, Federal Works Agency, the Governor of the Virgin Islands, the Municipal Council of St. Croix and the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John.

The Chairman then asked the members if they were in favor of voting for the three members of the delegation to go to Washington or if they will leave it off until the next morning.

Three members were in favor of taking the vote and 4 opposed until the next morning.

The Chairman declared the meeting recessed until Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Reconvened Pursuant to Order of ^{the} Chairman On Friday,
April 27, 1940 at 9:30 A.M.

The Chairman declared the assembly convened.
The Roll was called by the Secretary:

Mr. Alexander - - - - Present	Mr. Huxley - - - - Present
Mr. Brown - - - - "	Mr. Jackson - - - - "
Mr. Carroll - - - - absent	Mr. Joseph - - - - "
Mr. Fleming - - - - "	Mr. Neely - - - - absent
Mr. Gardiner - - - - Present	Mr. Pridemore - - - - "
Mr. Gordon - - - - absent	Mr. Bentley - - - - Present
Mr. Harris - - - - "	Mr. Rhoads - - - - "
Mr. Hill - - - - Present	Mr. Spence - - - - "

A quorum being present, the Chairman proceeded with the ballots designating those members to comprise the delegation.

Gen. ballots were handed in: Mr. Alexander received 9 votes, Mr. Brown 8, and Mr. Hill 4 votes.

Honorable Alexander, Brown & Hill were then declared elected as the delegation to proceed to Washington to strive toward the objective in the Revolution with the setting of this body.

The Chairman then brought before the members another item on the agenda: Discussion of the sites selected for the various projects included in the building program of the said Bill H.R. 509.

The item was declared opened for discussion.
A short discussion followed.

Member Jackson moved that the item be dropped from the agenda. The motion prevailed. The motion was put to the vote and carried by a majority of the members who obtained.

The Chairman then thanked the members for their cooperation shown and gave an assurance that the year in the service of the Assembly of the Virgin Islands.

As none of the members wished to make any remarks,
the Assembly was declared adjourned by the Chairman.

Adjourned Sin Die at 10:30 A. M.
Friday, April 27, 1945.

Mar Brown
Chairman

Secretary

R.P.E.

Ad interim Entry

At the 1945 Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, held on Wednesday, November 26, 1945 to Thursday, December 13, 1945, the following Bills were adopted:

Bill No. 1 - Resolution in Appreciation and Gratitude of the Schooner Service Rendered the Virgin Islands Civilian and Military Population by Honorable Cornelius Cuthbert Before and During World War I.

Bill No. 2 - Resolution Authorizing and Charging a Delegation of Two Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands to travel to Washington, D.C., to endeavor to have passed all laws relating to reductions made in the First F.W.A. Appropriation Bill for Construction Projects for the Virgin Islands.

Bill No. 3 - Resolution Authorizing and Charging a Delegation of two members of the Legislative Assembly to proceed to Washington, D.C. to make the following call: "The Virgin Islands are a part of the United States and the United States is a part of the Virgin Islands and the United States is a part of the Virgin Islands."

Bill No. 4 - Law to Provide for Expenses of Legislative Delegation to Washington.

Bill No. 5 - Resolution of Recognition and Gratitude to Honorable William H. Jones, Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, for his resignation of his expected resignation from the Legislative Assembly of the Government of the Virgin Islands.

Bill No. 6 - Law to Amend the Electoral Law for the Virgin Islands of the United States, approved by the Legislative Assembly on December 7, 1945.

Bill No. 7 - Law Concerning Fees for Land and for Commissioners.

Bill No. 8 - Law to Amend the Law Regarding the Practice of Medicine and the Medical Services Law of the Virgin Islands of the United States, passed by the Legislative Assembly on December 10, 1945, and approved by the Governor on January 8, 1946.

Bill No. 9 - Law to Establish an Incentive Policy and Program for Assuring Continuing Full Employment and Full Production in a Free Competitive Economy, through the Coordinated Efforts of Industry, Agriculture, Labor, Incentive and Municipal Governments, and the Federal Government.

Bill No. 10 - Law to Create the Virgin Islands Tourist Development Board; to Establish and Define its Powers, to Establish the "Virgin Islands Tourist Development Fund" and for other purposes.

Bill No. 11 - Resolution Requiring the Congress of the United States to Provide an Appropriation of \$1000,000 for the purpose of Promoting and Developing the Tourist Trade in the Virgin Islands.

Bill No. 12 - Law to Secure a Safe Milk Supply for the Virgin Islands of the United States.

Bill No. 13 - Resolution Requiring the Governor of the Virgin Islands to request the Federal Government to provide two Veterinarians for the Municipalities of the Virgin Islands.

Bill No. 14 - Resolution Expressing the Recognition and Appreciation of the People of the Virgin Islands for the (Drafted) historical services rendered to the Islands by the Lions of A. H. Reiss during World War II.

Bill No. 15 - Resolution Requiring the Veterans Administration to pay Washington, D. C. on behalf of World War II Veterans of the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes.

Adventurous Country

For the Continuation of the 1945 Annual Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, the following bills were adopted on Wednesday, January 10, 1946 at 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 p.m., January 9, 1946 the following bills were adopted:

Bill No. 14 - Law to Secure a Safe Milk Supply for the Virgin Islands of the United States, approved by the Governor December 28, 1945.

Bill No. 22 - Law to designate one Sunday as a day of rest for the Virgin Islands, approved by the Governor December 28, 1945.

Bill No. 23 - Law to designate the Virgin Islands as a "Lion's Club" area, approved by the Governor December 28, 1945.

in the Virgin Islands of the United States.

Bill No. 20 - Resolution Expressing the Gratitude of the People of the Virgin Islands to Honorably Ralph Harwood and Joseph Alexander for their work as Delegates to Washington from December 4, 1945, to January 2, 1946.

Bill No. 18 - Resolution Authorizing the Creation of a Standing Delegation to Represent the Virgin Islands on Important Matters in Washington, D. C.

Bill No. 26 - Resolution Inviting the President of the United States, Harry S. Truman, to Visit the Virgin Islands.

Bill No. 27 - Resolution to Petition the President and the Congress of the United States to Amend the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to Provide for a Resident Commissioner.

Summary

The Tenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands Second Session 1945

The 1945 Second Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the United States, was held at the Municipal Council Chamber, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands Wednesday, November 26, 1945, at 10:00 A.M. to Thursday, December 13, 1945, at 11:30 A.M.

The Assembly was called to order by the Acting Chairman (Hon. Omar Brown).

Rev. Wendell Cannon Swinson then offered a Prayer, asking assistance for the proper functioning of the Legislative Assembly.

In the absence of the Acting Secretary, the Chair asked the Assistant Secretary of the last Assembly to act as Secretary and to read the Governor's proclamation convening the Assembly.

The following was read:

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States

Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas
By the Acting Governor of the Virgin Islands

A. Proclamation

Convening the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands

Whereas Section 7 of The Organic Act of the Virgin Islands of the United States, approved June 22, 1936, provides that after January 1, 1937, joint sessions of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John and of the Municipal Council of St. Croix shall constitute and shall be designated the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands;

And Whereas, Section 7 aforesaid further provides that the Governor shall call the Legislative Assembly at least once during each calendar year;

Now, therefore, I, Morris F. De Castro, Acting Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, by virtue of the power in me vested, do hereby convene a session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands to be held at the Municipal Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., Monday, November 26, 1945, for consideration of the following subject matter:

1. An Act to amend the Electoral Law for the Virgin Islands of the United States, approved by the Governor December 9, 1938.
2. An Act to amend Law regarding the Practice of Medicine and its Allied Professions in the Virgin Islands of the United States, approved January 8, 1940.
3. An Act requiring responsible supervision and authority in the construction and repair of buildings in the Virgin Islands (by request)
4. An Act to amend Law to regulate the slaughter and sale of Meat and Meat Products, approved December 30, 1944.
5. An Act to amend Ordinance to regulate the production, inspection, and sale of Milk, approved 22, 1940.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, this 26th day of October A.D. 1945.

Morris F. De Castro
Acting Governor.

The Assistant call the Roll as follows:

Joseph Alexander - - - Present	Edmund Hurley . . . Present
Omear Brown - - - Present	Hamilton Jackson - - - "
Eric H. Carroll - - - "	Daniel Joseph - - - "
Robert Fleming - - - Absent	Reuben Reager - - - "
Percy Garding - - - Present	Ralph Papirowsky - - - "
Roy Gordon - - - Absent	Cornelius Cuthbert - - - "
Cornwall E. Harris - - - Present	Weymouth Rhymes - - - Absent
Valdemar A. Hill - - - "	Julius Sphaer - - - "

(12 Present; 4 Absent)

A quorum being present, the meeting was proceeded with. Reading of the correspondence was waived by general consent.

Election of Officers was then proceeded with:

12 ballots were cast. Joseph Alexander received 10 votes and D. Hamilton Jackson received 2. Joseph Alexander was declared Chairman.

[The Chairman & Acting Chairman exchanged seats.]
The Chairman then thanked the members for electing him and request cooperation from the members.

The election of a Vice-Chairman was proceeded with.

13 ballots were cast. Omear Brown received 11 votes, Ralph Papirowsky 1, and Valdemar A. Hill 1 vote. Omear Brown was then declared Vice-Chairman. He in turn expressed his thanks for the confidence the members placed in him.

14 ballots were cast for the election of a Secretary. Percy Garding received 12 votes and Eric Carroll 1 vote. Garding was then named Secretary.

In the casting of the second ballot, Roy C. Gordon was elected Assistant Secretary by 10 votes. Cornwall E. Harris received 2 votes and Valdemar A. Hill 1 vote.

A motion was then made by member Papirowsky to withhold the Minutes of the last meeting until the close of the session. The motion was seconded by member Brown and carried by 10 votes.

The chairman declared the meeting recessed until 7:30 P.M. in the members' hall.

Reconvened Pursuant to Motion On Monday

November 26, 1945, at 2:30 P.M.

The Chairman declared the Assembly in session. The Acting Governor, Hon. Morris F. de Castro, was then introduced to the house.

The Acting Governor then delivered the following annual message to the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands:

Address
by Morris F. de Castro, Acting Governor of the Virgin Islands at
Opening Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin
Islands, 1945

Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is an honor for me, once again, to greet this Assembly in annual session, composed as it is of the chosen representatives of all the people of the Virgin Islands. This joint legislature is the one symbol of unification of the entire Virgin Islands' group, and, for that reason in addition to the important legislative work which it can and should perform, it must continue to qualify itself as an important factor in our legislative structure. Granted that there have been and still are certain complexities which may stand in the way of smooth and harmonious operation, it is my considered opinion that the well-being of our people, and the urgent necessity for greater coordination of activities throughout the islands make it mandatory that this honorable body shall succeed in the adoption of good legislation for a better and more progressive community structure in all our islands.

I bring you the greetings of Mr. Howard, who has been detained in Washington on important official business for and in behalf of the Virgin Islands. As you know, it was his intention to return here but to be present for the opening session of this Assembly. He has written a message, at the last moment, and his important and urgent business has kept him in Washington a week longer.

I bring you also the greetings of Mr. Arnold L. Jones, Secretary of the District, and of the staff of the Division of Unsettled and Land Possessions on the island. I am particularly pleased to take this opportunity to state publicly the kind of which the staff of the Division of Unsettled and Land Possessions have displayed in the past year of the island. I am sure that the Division is, through your wholehearted help, doing its best in the problems which our government has placed.

In the regular for this session are some very important

items of proposed legislation. I shall not attempt to describe them at this time. I hope that an amendment to the Electoral law to permit the patients at the Lepers Asylum in St. Croix to vote will be adopted. We owe this civil right to these unfortunate citizens. We are interested in amending our Medicine and Surgery law to permit two qualified natives, who have not been able to meet all the conditions of the statute, but who are eminently fitted by experience and by years of successful practice in dentistry and pharmacy to be licensed in their respective fields. We need amendments to our milk and meat laws which are unsatisfactory. We need a workmen's compensation act for the Virgin Islands. Such an act has been in force and effect in St. Thomas for several years and it has paid dividends both in a sound and successful municipal insurance fund and in bringing relief to workers injured in line of duty and to the families of those who have died as a result of such injuries. We badly need a building code. There are many other items on the agenda which are of major importance and I am sure that all of them will receive the careful deliberation which their significance justifies.

Now that the war is over and the thoughts of the world are turned to the securing of a just and lasting peace, we in the Virgin Islands must lend our thoughts to the cushioning of our economy against the inevitable shock of post-war unemployment and the possible adverse effects of external as well as internal retrogression. Fortunately, the public works projects sponsored by Governor Harwood and authorized by Public Law 570 will provide employment on a large scale possibly not at the beginning of construction but certainly as the program progresses. As I prepare ourselves against the adverse effects of general unemployment, we must carefully, thoughtfully and confidently undertake purchases of our resources, of our tax structure and of our municipal economy. I strongly urge a thorough and comprehensive study of business conditions and opportunities, of our municipal tax structure, and of our governmental organization and budgetary problems.

Governor Harwood has already appointed a Tax Committee in St. Thomas which is now engaged in examining the tax laws of the Municipality of St. John and St. John South for view to recommending possible tax adjustments as may be found to be possible, equitable and wise. I regret that the Municipal Council of St. Croix has not selected two of its members to serve on a similar committee for that municipality. I can well understand the reluctance of the members of the Council of St. Croix to go into the question of additional taxes, in a community which is already impoverished and which continues to be dependent on a federal subsidy. But I believe that the Committee should nevertheless be appointed so that we may have a fair and impartial study and report which will show conclusively either that

Tax adjustments will not be possible, or that some way be possible without undue burden.

I believe, and I know that Governor Harwood also believes, that our municipal organization should also be examined critically for the purpose of determining what economies may be made, or what improvements in administrative procedures may be found to be necessary with a view to providing the best possible services at the lowest possible cost. I trust that when we shall come to this important step that those who will be responsible for the examination and report will be favored with the breadth of vision to see, that in these days and times, the government should continue to sponsor such activities and supervised recreation and physical education, school lunches, nursery schools, etc., which form an essential element in any well organized modern and progressive community. We must use every effort at our command to provide our youth with a sound program of formal education. We should go beyond Senior High School if possible and attempt to provide a college level. We must furnish proper sanitation facilities and the best hospital and medical care for the protection of the health of our people. Our less favored unemployed citizens must be given relief. Our workers must be paid for just and fair wage under good working conditions. All these cost money. Let us never sacrifice them at the altar of expediency, political or otherwise. Let us hope that we may find the means to provide them. Let us all get together and work out these problems realistically and honestly so that no single element of community life shall suffer as a result.

And as we study our tax structure and our municipal institutions, we should likewise investigate our potential resources for the purpose of determining what additional industries and what additional industries might be established on the Virgin Islands. No avenue should be left open, no resource should be left untapped which might, under competent direction and guidance, bring a revival of commercial activities, a stimulation of agricultural development, and an increase of our industrial opportunities. We must capitalize on our natural beauties for the development of tourism and as we are certain that we can provide adequate accommodations for tourists. Here, as possible in this place, under the banner flag, American, seeking relief from sweltering sun and from weather, may find perfect sunshine, equable climate, good beaches, excellent sport fishing, horseback riding on mountain trails with magnificent views, and may live in comfort among a friendly, law abiding, and intelligent people.

I wish to report that the Taxation Act Reform Committee authorized at last year's session of this Assembly, has not yet completed its studies and is not yet prepared to make a report.

The Committee has found a wide divergence of views among our citizens on the subjects of grave importance to the future welfare of the Islands. It has therefore determined that a task of such magnitude and significance should be carefully and thoroughly performed and that the views of all sections of the communities should be heard before a final report is submitted possibly within the next three months.

I wish you a most successful session, I offer you the services and facilities of the administration to assist you in your deliberations. All heads of departments will stand ready to appear before you at any time you may need their assistance. I know that we shall all keep clearly in mind our basic objectives -- a well-informed and progressive citizenry; modern and efficiently operated institutions; a better standard of living consistent with the American way of life -- and that we shall prove ourselves worthy of a greater degree of autonomy consistent with a clear recognition of the ultimate relationship between the United States and the Islands. We are loyal American citizens -- attached to the principles for which Americans have just fought, died and now -- and we claim the right and the privilege of continuing as an integral part of the greatest democracy on earth. I am confident that we are capable of undertaking our responsibilities and discharging our obligations as American citizens with credit to ourselves.

I conclude in the words of Josiah Holland:

"God give us Men! (A time like this demands strong men, great hearts, true faith and ready hands. Men upon the lust of office does not kill; men upon the skills of office cannot buy; men whose powers opinions and a will."

On behalf of the members thanked Mr de Castro.

[Mr de Castro and his Aides then departed]

Roll call was then called revealing 13 members present.

A prayer being present, the Chair requested the speaker to read the first item on the agenda, the

Report of the Council of the Islands.

The Council of the United States, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C., December 2, 1941. (Signed)

Secretary, First National Bank (Bill Rev.)

After the first reading and comments, the Proprietor (Mr. de Castro) introduced the measure. A discussion followed in which the measure was sent to the

Committee of the Whole in the Second Reading.

The second Order of the Day was taken up.

Draft of Law to Amend Law Regarding the
Construction & Repairs in the Virgin Islands
of the United States, approved January 8, 1945.

The Secretary was directed to send the Proposed Measure
(The bill was read accordingly)

Mr. Neome being the proponent of the measure, introduced
it. After a discussion, the bill was sent to the Committee
of the Whole.

After a five-minute recess, the third Order of the Day
was taken up:

In Act requiring responsible supervision
and authority in the construction and repairs
of buildings in the Virgin Islands. Proposed
by Daniel Brown, Trust Member-at-Large
from St. Thomas.

After the introduction and discussion the measure was sent
to the Committee of the Whole.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried the
meeting was recessed until Tuesday morning at 10:30.

Reconvened Pursuant to Resolution Passed November 22, 1945, at 10:30 a.m.

(Honorable Members, Seated in the Chamber)

The meeting was convened by the Secretary.
The Secretary called the roll and reported on membership.

All Members being present, the Secretary announced that
the bill was ready for consideration.

Left to read today to be read to the Chamber
on Tuesday next and read to the Chamber
on Tuesday, November 27, 1945.

The bill was read in full by the Secretary.

After a brief discussion the bill was sent to the Committee
of the Whole.

It was then moved by member Jackson to recess until 2:30.

The motion was put to the vote and carried.

The Vice-Chairman declared the meeting recessed until 2:30 P. M.

Reconvered at Two Thirty O'Clock, Tuesday Nov. 27, 1940-

The meeting was reconvened by the Vice-Chairman, Amer Brown.
The Roll was called by the Assistant revealing 13 members.

Item 5 on the agenda was taken up:

An Act to amend Ordinance to Govern the Production,
Inspection, and sale of Milk, of January 22, 1980

After a few minutes recess, Member Harris sponsored the measure.

Having no discussion, Member Joseph moved that the discussion be closed and the bill sent to the Committee of the Whole.

He was seconded by member Gardine, put to the vote and carried.

Member Jackson then moved that the matter be resumed until Wednesday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

The motion was seconded by member Peabody, put to the vote and carried.

The Vice-Chairman declared the meeting recessed until 10:00 o'clock Wednesday.

Recommended Pursuant His Motion On Wednesday, December 28,
1945- at 10:00 A. M.

14 members present and 2 absent.

and the Commissioners of Finance and
the Vice-Chancellor

The Acting Governor then told the Assembly of a refugee
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Senate Committee. Accurately requests your immediate advice by radiogram as to date of hearing and when delegate should arrive (to be) of maximum assistance."

It was moved by member Hall, seconded by member Gardiner and carried that the message as read be sent to the Acting Governor on behalf of the Assembly.

The reading of the Workmen Compensation Act, was
 proceeded with. Sponsored by Hons. Weymouth Prynne,
 and Oswald E. Harris, members of St. Thomas + St. John.
 Member Harris made his introduction on the bill.
 A discussion then followed, after which the bill was sent
 to the Committee of the House.

Member Gordon requested that a Resolution sponsored by him and Member Lyndon be placed on the Order of the Day.

Member Hill stated that the resolution is very timely and therefore moved that it be placed on the Orders of the Day and considered. This was seconded by member Hargis, put to the vote and carried, Member Pennington abstaining.

The following Resolution was then read:

Drift of Bill Commanding and Expressing The
Gratitude of the People of the Virgin Islands
to Hon. Cornelius Whittington for the service
rendered by his fleet of schooners to
the Virgin Islands during before and after
World War II.

Mr. Haines introduced the following resolution, a lengthy discussion followed and the following form and by the following resolution.

Mr Alexander - - - - -

Mr Brown - - - - -

Mr. Cayser

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Bill No 1

Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
Session 1945

Resolution in Appreciation and Gratitude of the Schooner Service
Rendered the Virgin Islands Civilian and Military Population
by Honorable Cornelius Pentney before and during
World War II

Whereas, Cornelius Pentney, member of the Legislature of St. Croix, Virgin Islands, in close conformity with the tradition of his family has, prior to and during World War II, operated an impressive number of schooners between Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands for the sole purpose of assisting in the maintenance of a continued flow of foodstuffs and fuel into the Virgin Islands; and

Whereas, Subsequent to the unfortunate loss of the schooner "Vigilant," a tradition came in his family of seafarers, Mr. Pentney has used in this service the American Schooners Ingeft, Swan, Bouya, Resolution, Carlsark, Guillermito, Carib, and Gomes Jose; and

Whereas, Before World War II, these schooners constituted an integral part of the complement of sea transport that kept the Virgin Islands supplied with the basic necessities of daily sustenance; and

Whereas, At the outbreak of hostilities these boats held the line in the supply of gasoline, kerosene and diesel for use on Army communications and maintenance of bases in the Virgin Islands until such time as the Military could be made available; and

Whereas, During the war the military was in dire need of shipping and the schooner service of Cornelius Pentney and his family, by maintaining several boats of the United States Navy in the active war zones against the common enemy, made a substantial contribution to the war effort of the sea forces of the Allied Forces; and

Whereas, With the return to peace Cornelius Pentney has returned to the normal service of peace for the benefit of the Virgin Islands, transporting food, fuel and other necessities to the Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands; and

Whereas, It is recognized by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands that the continuity of appreciation and gratitude of the people of the Virgin Islands for this service rendered, is an matter of permanent record of the Legislative Assembly:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, in session assembled, That the people of the Virgin Islands do hereby sincerely express to Honorable Cornelius Penning their appreciation and gratitude for the meritorious service he has established and maintained for the benefit of the people of the Virgin Islands before and particularly during World War II's end,

Be It Further Resolved, That This Resolution be presented to Honorable Cornelius Penning in the manner deemed fitting by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands.

It was then moved, put to the vote and carried that the meeting be recessed until tomorrow morning at 10:00 o'clock.

The Chairman declared the meeting recessed until Thursday at 10:00 o'clock.

Recovered Pursuant to Motion on Thursday, November 29, 1945 at 10:00 A.M.

(Honorable Joseph Alexander, Chairman Presiding)

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman. The Roll was called by the Secretary recording 10 members present and 6 absent.

Before proceeding with the agenda, member Jackson moved that the Rules of Business be set aside and that the Acting Governor be called in to a conference. The motion was recorded by member Joseph, put to the vote and carried.

(The Acting Governor was then requested to attend a conference with the Assembly, but due to his business engagements could not do so until 2:01 in the afternoon.)

Due to the news received, the Assembly proceeded with Item 8 on the agenda, Draft of Law to Prescribe Maximum Wages and Maximum Hours, and for other purposes.

After the bill was read by the Secretary in discussion followed after which the bill was sent to the Committee of the Whole.

Item 8 was taken up: Draft of Ordinance to Create the Virgin Islands Tourist Development Board, to Establish and Define the Powers, to Establish the Virgin Islands Tourist Development Fund, and for other purposes.

Item 8 was introduced by the proponent, member Hill. After the introduction a discussion followed and after it was properly discussed the bill was sent to the Committee of the Whole.

Item 9 was next proceeded with: "Draft of Resolution Petitioning the Congress of the United States to Provide an appropriation of \$500,000 (for the Purpose of Promoting and Developing the Tourist Trade in the Virgin Islands)".

This item being in companion with item 8, member Hill introduced it. After a short discussion, the bill was sent to the Committee of the Whole.

In the absence of any further remarks, the Chairman declared the Assembly in recess until 2:30.

Reconvened Pursuant To Motion at 2:30, P.M. Thursday,
November 29, 1945 -

The Assembly was reconvened by the Chairman. The Secretary called the Roll, ten members were present and 6 absent. Also present at the meeting were: the Acting Governor and Mr. Edward Bradley, the newly appointed legal counsel to the Governor.

The Assembly then went in Committee of the Whole, the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the deficit appropriation of \$1,000,000 which the House Appropriations Committee has decided to reduce to \$100,000 and sales in connection with the FWA appropriation that was put through for the Public Works program. (All conference lasted for one half hour.)

10 on the agenda. During the resumption of business, the Secretary read item 10 on the agenda. This concerning fees for jurors and jury. The bill was then referred to the Committee of the Whole. After which a discussion followed. After a short discussion, the bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Chairman now again called upon to read Item 11. Draft of a bill containing the Establishment of the Virgin Islands.

Member Harrel sponsored the bill. After the introduction a discussion followed. The Chairman, after having no further remarks, declared the matter referred to the Committee of the Whole as prescribed by the Rules of the Assembly.

The Secretary was called upon to read Item 12 Draft of a bill containing the Establishment of a Labor Policy and Program for increasing production, full employment and full production in a free competitive economy, through the concerted efforts of

of Industry, Agriculture, Labor, Insular and Municipal Governments, and the Federal Government.

The proponent, Mr. Hall, introduced the bill. A discussion then followed after which the bill was sent to the Committee of the Whole.

The Secretary next read item 13. "Draft of Law to Amend the School Law of the Virgin Islands, (approved January 25, 1940)".

The proponent, member Harris, introduced the bill. A discussion then followed, and upon motion the bill was sent to the Committee of the Whole.

The Chairman then declared the meeting recessed until Friday at 10:00 o'clock.

Reconvened Pursuant to Order on Friday, November 29, 1945 at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

The Assembly was called to order by the Chairman. The Roll Call revealed 14 members present, and two absent without excuse.

Having completed the reading of all the bills on the Agenda, the Chairman requested that a motion be made that the body go into Committee of the Whole for consideration of the measures that were discussed and read in the first reading.

Member Harris so moved.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Barnes, put to the vote and carried.

The Chairman then declared the Assembly in Committee of the Whole.

Meeting of Monday, December 3, 1945 at 10:00 A. M.

(Vice-President, Presiding)

The Vice-Chairman declared the meeting in special session for the purpose of considering those resolutions which were agreed on in the Committee of the Whole.

The following Resolution was then considered:

Joint Resolution authorizing and charging a delegation of two members of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, to proceed to Washington, D.C., to endeavor to have restored all items deleted or reductions made in the First F.W.O. Appropriation Bill for construction projects for the Virgin Islands.

The bill was read by the Secretary. Mr. Hill was then asked to act as speaker of the Committee of the Whole.

Accordingly Mr. Hill made his introduction on the bill after which a thorough discussion followed and on the close of the discussion, the bill was adopted by the following votes and in the following form:

Mr. Alexander - - - - - Yea	Mr. Husley - - - - - Yea
Mr. Brown - - - - - "	Mr. Jackson - - - - - "
Mr. Carroll - - - - - "	Mr. Joseph - - - - - "
Mr. Fleming - - - - - Absent	Mr. Neazer - - - - - "
Mr. Gardine - - - - - Yea	Mr. Paderewsky - - - - - "
Mr. Gordon - - - - - "	Mr. Penning - - - - - "
Mr. Harris - - - - - "	Mr. Rhymen - - - - - "
Mr. Hill - - - - - "	Mr. Sprauve - - - - - "

Bill No. 2
The Tenth Legislative Assembly of the V. I.
of the United States
Session 1945

Resolution Authorizing and Charging a Delegation of Two Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands to Proceed to Washington, D. C., to endeavor to have restored all items deleted or reduced in the First F. W. A. Appropriation Bill for Construction Projects for the Virgin Islands.

Whereas the House Committee on Appropriations has reduced by approximately 33% the first amount of the ten-million-dollar program which was requested by the Federal Works Agency for the Virgin Islands; and,

Whereas the deficit appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the Saint John's Island has also been cut, and the fate of said municipality strangled for the current fiscal year; and,

Whereas the projects mapped out in the \$10,000,000 program of the Federal Works Agency constituted an integrated comprehensive plan for the development of the islands to a minimum standard of community service; and,

Whereas, in the considered opinion and belief of the Legislature, that the immediate dispatch of a delegation to Washington, D. C., charged with the responsibility of representing the Virgin Islands in the proposed bill to Congress, and that the same may be secured, is hereby the intention improved.

Now, therefore, Be It Enacted and it is hereby enacted.

by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled: That a delegation consisting of two members of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands (one and one-half hereby empowered) and charged to proceed to Washington, D. C., to represent to the proper authorities the importance of all the projects provided for in the general plan of the Federal Works Agency in an effort to have all reductions and deletions from said plan restored; to emphasize the significance of receiving the full deficit appropriation provided for the Municipality of St. John; and to present to the U. S. Congress and other Federal authorities all such other matters as, in their proper discretion, deserve immediate consideration and action.

The next draft of Resolution was then taken up by the Assembly. Draft of Resolution Authorizing a Delegation to seek all Internal Revenue Taxes Collected on liquors, etc.

The Secretary then read the bill in full. Member Barentzen was then asked to act as speaker on the bill. After the introduction a short discussion followed and the bill was adopted by the following votes and in the following form:

Mr. Alexander - - - Abstaining
Mr. Brown - - - Yes
Mr. Carroll - - - "
Mr. Fleming - - - Abstain
Mr. Gardiner - - - Yes
Mr. Gordon - - - "
Mr. Harris - - - "
Mr. Hill - - - Yes

Mr. Hurley - - - Yes
Mr. Jackson - - - "
Mr. Joseph - - - "
Mr. Meyer - - - "
Mr. Parkinson - - - Abstain
Mr. Pennington - - - Yes
Mr. Phillips - - - "
Mr. Thomas - - - "

Bill No. 1
Sale of the Virgin Islands
By the United States
Executive Order

Resolution authorizing and changing a delegation consisting of two members of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands (one and one-half hereby empowered) and charged to proceed to Washington, D. C., to seek all Internal Revenue Taxes Collected on Liquors and Distilled Spirits from the Virgin Islands into the United States to the Municipal Government of the Virgin Islands.

Whereas, all liquor and articles produced in the Virgin Islands and transported to the United States are subject to the Federal Internal Revenue Tax provided in the United States Code, Title 26, Section 1470, (Feb. 28, 1919, C. 18,

Section 1304, 40 Stat. 1142); and,

Whereas, It is provided by Title 26, Section 1463: "Deposit of Internal Revenue Collections. All Internal Revenue collected in and for the account of the Philippine Islands shall accrue intact to the general government thereof and to be paid into the Treasury," (June 17, 1900, C. 497, Section 301, 46, Stat. 685); and,

Whereas, It is also provided by U. S. C. Title 26, Section 1430, sub-section (c): "Deposit of Internal Revenue Collections: All taxes collected under the Internal Revenue Laws of the United States on articles produced in Puerto Rico and transported to the United States, or consumed in the island will be covered into the Treasury of Puerto Rico (Mar. 2, 1917, C. 140, Section 9, 39 Stat. 1954, May 17, 1932, C. 190, 47 Stat. 158); and,

Whereas, The Basic industries of the Virgin Islands are the production of rum and sugar, and the revenues derived from these two items would greatly enhance the rehabilitation of the Virgin Islands and their self-support, including the expenses of the Central Administration and the expenses of the Virgin Islands Company, and also help to take care of additional expenses, such as development of housing, water supply, highways, sewerage, harbor improvements, fire-fighting equipment, maintenance of home guard, hospitalization, vocational training, etc.; and,

Whereas, The Virgin Islands on various occasions have petitioned the Congress of the United States to permit all Internal Revenue taxes collected on liquors and articles arriving from the Virgin Islands into the United States to be credited to the Government of the Virgin Islands to be gloriously used to the end of rehabilitating this area;

Resolved, and it is hereby resolved that the request of the Virgin Islands for the rehabilitation of said body are hereby authorized and approved (to Washington, D. C.) to represent the Virgin Islands in a direct and personal effort to secure and covered into the Municipal Government of the Virgin Islands all internal revenues collected on Virgin Islands' products exported to Continental United States.

The Assembly went forward with the following Resolution

Resolution to provide for expenses of delegations going to Washington.

The Bill was then read in full by the Secretary. Member Penning was asked to be (the speaker of the Committee) of the whole.

After a short introduction and discussion, the Bill was adopted by the following votes and in the following form:

Mr Alexander - - - Abstaining
Mr Brown - - - - - Yes ✓
Mr Carroll - - - - - "
Mr Fleming - - - - - Absent
Mr Gardiner - - - - - Yes
Mr Lydon - - - - - "
Mr Narnie - - - - - "
Mr Hall - - - - - Abstaining

Mr Herby - - - - - Yes
Mr Jackson - - - - - "
Mr Joseph - - - - - "
Mr Dever - - - - - "
Mr Richmond - - - - - Abstaining
Mr Penning - - - - - Yes ✓
Mr Rhymer - - - - - "
Mr. Spence - - - - - "

Bill No. 4
The Sixth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
Session 1943-

Law to Provide for Expenses of Legislative Delegation
to Washington.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled:

Section 1. The Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John and the Municipality of St. Croix shall defray in equal proportions the official expenses of the Legislative Delegation to Washington authorized by Assembly Resolution adopted on December 3, 1942 on the basis of actual transportation and as per diem in lieu of subsistence at the rate of \$10.00 per day for a period not to exceed 14 days.

Section 2. The Governor of the Virgin Islands shall be and he is hereby authorized to make such orders to the members of the Legislative Delegation the cost of such transportation as may be required as herein provided.

Section 3. The Municipal Councils of St. Thomas and St. John and the Municipal Council of St. Croix shall appropriate the necessary funds to implement the provisions of this Law.

It was then moved and seconded that Messrs Alexander and Richmond be elected as the two delegates provided for in Bill No. 4.
The motion was carried unanimously.

A discussion next followed on the two members. After the discussion, the Chairman put the last item before the members for consideration:

"Draft of Resolution In Recognition and Farewell to Honorable Valdemar A. Hill, member of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, on the occasion of his expected resignation from the Legislative Branch of the Government of the Virgin Islands."

The Secretary was then asked to read the bill. The bill was read in full.

Mr. Pennington, the proponent of the measure made his introductions. A discussion next followed. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Parnham moved that the Resolution be adopted. This was seconded by Mr. Gardine put to the floor and was carried by the following votes and in the following form:

Mr. Alexander - - - - - Yes	Mr. Hurley - - - - - Yes
Mr. Brown - - - - - "	Mr. Joseph - - - - - "
Mr. Carroll - - - - - "	Mr. Neazer - - - - - "
Mr. Fleming - - - - - Absent	Mr. Parnham - - - - - "
Mr. Gardine - - - - - Yes	Mr. Pennington - - - - - "
Mr. Gordon - - - - - Absent	Mr. Jacobson - - - - - Absent
Mr. Harris - - - - - "	Mr. Rhymer - - - - - "
Mr. Hill - - - - - Abstaining	Mr. Spawve - - - - - Yes

Bill No. 5.
The Senate Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

Session 1945

Resolved, That the Senate and Assembly of the Virgin Islands do hereby recognize and farewell to Honorable Valdemar A. Hill, member of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, on the occasion of his expected resignation from the Legislative Branch of the Government of the Virgin Islands.

Valdemar A. Hill, originally elected by the people of the Virgin Islands on the Square Deal ticket in 1940 and re-elected in 1943 and 1944 after having served as five-year term in the Municipal Council of St. Thomas, was elected to the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands and guided to his membership in the Legislative Branch of the Government of the Virgin Islands.

Valdemar A. Hill's career in the Legislature has been particularly marked with initiative, courage and persistence; and

Whereas, In spite of Mr. Hill's youth, enjoying as he has through his entire career for being the youngest member of his group in both the Municipal Council and the Legislative Assembly, he has put through and seen work successfully many pieces of legislation most beneficial for the economic, educational and social well-being of the Virgin Islands, including statutes providing for Minimum Wages and Maximum Hours, Evening School for adults, Rent Control, Improved Housing, Sanitation, Hospitalization and Poor Relief; and,

Whereas, In the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands Mr. Hill has shown the keenest interest and has exercised considerable effort in the amendment of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for the Resident Commissioner for the Virgin Islands in Washington, D. C. and in general to improve the usefulness and effect of the Act itself the constitution of the Virgin Islands, to present-day needs and conditions; and,

Whereas, In both the local and Virgin Islands Legislative bodies, Mr. Hill has served with distinction and efficacy on every important and active committee, including the Municipal Committee of his local council of which he has been Chairman for three (3) consecutive years (1941 to 1943 inclusive); the School Board as member and Chairman from 1944; the Workmen Compensation Commission, the Committee on Confirmation of appointments and the Hospital Commission in the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John; and the Organic Act Reform Committee of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands; and,

Whereas, In consequence of Mr. Hill's capability, intelligence and integrity he rose to the position of the Legislative Assembly in 1941 and to the position of his local Municipal Council in 1941, having prior to that date filled with credit for himself and for the municipality, every office in that Council;

Whereas, During his term of office, Mr. Hill has constantly been striving to advance the interests of the Municipality and the Virgin Islands and has been very active in the selection of representatives to represent the Virgin Islands in the outside, including the British Empire, the Caribbean and the American States, and has been constantly selected to lead and assist in proposed of work groups; and,

Whereas, His Excellency, Governor Harbord, requests Mr. Hill to share the honor and privilege of representing the Virgin Islands in the first British Empire Conference of Principals to bring about the unification of, and between, British and Imperial administration and advancement for, the entire Caribbean Area;

Hill, for his brilliant career and achievements in his local legislative body, the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John; in the Virgin Islands Legislature, the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands; in bodies representing the Virgin Islands in the outside world; and for the intrinsic benefits these have meant and still mean to the people of the Virgin Islands, the Legislative Assembly is resolved that some testimonial of the sentiments of the people of the Virgin Islands should be recorded and presented to Mr. Hill through this legislative body:

Now, to describe, Be It And It Is Herely Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled:

1) That the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, for and on behalf of its components, the respective Municipal Councils and of the people of the Virgin Islands as a whole, do hereby express their deep regret at the decision of their colleague and co-worker, the Honorable Waldemar U. Hill, to resign from the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John and consequently from succeeding sessions of the Legislative Assembly, as of December 31, 1943;

2) That the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, for and on behalf of the separate Municipal Councils and of the people of the Virgin Islands as a whole, do hereby express their sincere congratulations to Mr. Hill on his new achievement and extend their best wishes to him for a happy and most successful career in his new Office;

3) That this Testimonial of recognition, friendship and good wishes be presented to Mr. Hill as a living symbol of the sentiments expressed herein from his colleagues in such manner and at such time as may be decided upon by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands.

After a brief discussion, the members of the Assembly thanked the members for the words of appreciation.

A motion was made by member Harris, seconded by member [unclear] and carried that the Assembly recess until Monday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

The meeting was declared closed by the Chairman at 11:00 o'clock. December 1, 1943 at 11:00 o'clock.

Reconvened to Public Session on Monday,
December 10, 1943, at 10:00 A. M.

Formal session was declared convened by the Chairman.
The Roll was called revealing 11 members present.

Item 1 was placed before the members for consideration.

Draft of Law to Amend the Electoral Law for
the Virgin Islands of the United States,
Approved by the Governor on December 7, 1938.
Sponsored by Omar Brown, First Member at-
Large. (Bill No. 6)

(The bill was accordingly read)

Mr. Husley moved that the amendment be accepted as read.
Mr. Nye seconded the motion.

The motion was put to the vote by the Chairman and
was accepted by the following votes and in the fol-
lowing form:

Mr. Alexander - - - - - Absent	Mr. Husley - - - - - Yes
Mr. Brown - - - - - Yes	Mr. Jackson - - - - - "
Mr. Carroll - - - - - "	Mr. Joseph - - - - - "
Mr. Fleming - - - - - Absent	Mr. Keizer - - - - - "
Mr. Gaudin - - - - - Yes	Mr. Pailomahy - - - - - Absent
Mr. Gordon - - - - - Absent	Mr. Pennington - - - - - Yes
Mr. Harris - - - - - Yes	Mr. Rhymer - - - - - Absent
Mr. Hill - - - - - "	Mr. Thomas - - - - - Yes

Bill No. 6

The Senate Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

Session 1943

Law to Amend the Electoral Law for the Virgin Islands of
the United States, approved by the Governor on
December 7, 1938.

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It is enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States:

In Section 1, Article 1, Chapter 1, of the Electoral Law for the Virgin Islands of the United States, approved
December 7, 1938, under the caption "Saying: and the entire
nature, and intent in said Chapter of the following:

"Section 1, A. There shall be and is hereby created
an Electoral Board for each precinct in each Munici-
pality composed of four citizens, elected by the
Municipal Council, to be the Polling Judge of the

District who shall be Chairman. Provided that for the purpose of this law it shall be considered to be two separate districts, The Croy Bay Section and the Coral Bay Section; (and provided further, that no member of an Election Board shall be a candidate for election in any District."

Item 2 was next taken up for consideration:

Draft of Law Concerning Fees for Jurors and Jury Commissioners. (Bill No 7) Proposed by Cornelius Peathey, First Member Christchurch Country District.)

(The bill was read in full by the Secretary.)
Member Peathey acted as speaker for the Committee of the Whole.

After the presentation, member Harris moved to adopt the draft of law. This was seconded by member Peathey, put to a show-of-hands vote and carried.

The votes were taken as follows and the bill adopted in the following form.

Mr Alexander	Abst.	Mr Hooley	Yes
Mr Barron	Yes	Mr Jackson	"
Mr Carroll	"	Mr Smith	"
Mr Fleming	Abst.	Mr Taylor	"
Mr Girdle	Yes	Mr Williams	Abst.
Mr Gook	Abst.	Mr Butler	Yes
Mr Harris	Yes	Mr Phipps	Abst.
Mr Hill	"	Mr Thomas	Yes

Bill No 7

An Act to amend the laws relating to the Jurors and Jury Commissioners of the Virgin Islands.

1940

Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands.

Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands.

Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands. (22.00) Dollars and jury commissioners fees (20.00) Dollars per day or part thereof of jury services rendered in the District Court of the Virgin Islands. This act is hereby repealed.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon approval by the Governor.

A motion to recess was then made, seconded and carried. The session adjourned until the next meeting of the Assembly.

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District who shall be Chairman. Provided that
for the purpose of this law it shall be
considered that be two separate districts,
the Cross Bay Station and the Coral Bay.

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minutes of meeting. in
this note book.

Section 3. of this Act shall become effective upon approval by the Governor.

A motion to recess was then made, seconded and carried.

The Chairman then declared the Assembly in session until Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Reconvened, Pursuant to Motion, on Tuesday,
December 11, 1945, at 10:30 A. M.

Item 3 was placed for consideration to the Assembly.

"Draft of Law to Establish an Insular Policy + Program for Assuring Continuing full employment and full production in a free competitive economy through the concerted efforts of industry, agriculture, labor, insular and principal Government, and the Federal Government. (Bill No. 9) sponsored by Valdemar A. Hill, second Member for the Crown District."

Member Joseph moved to waive the reading of the bill. This was seconded by Mr. Peager, put to the vote and carried.

Member Hill presented the bill as speaker of the Committee on the whole.

After the presentation the bill was adopted by the following vote and in the following form:

Mr. Alexander	--- Aye	Mr. Peager	--- Aye
Mr. Brown	--- Aye	Mr. Joseph	--- Aye
Mr. Carroll	--- Aye	Mr. Peager	--- Aye
Mr. Fleming	--- Aye	Mr. Peager	--- Aye
Mr. Gadley	--- Aye	Mr. Peager	--- Aye
Mr. Gordon	--- Aye	Mr. Peager	--- Aye
Mr. Harner	--- Aye	Mr. Peager	--- Aye
Mr. Hill	--- Aye	Mr. Peager	--- Aye

Bill No. 9
To Establish an Insular Policy + Program for Assuring Continuing full employment and full production in a free competitive economy through the concerted efforts of industry, agriculture, labor, insular and principal Government, and the Federal Government.

Session 1945

Law to Establish an Insular Policy + Program for Assuring Continuing full employment and full production in a free competitive economy through the concerted efforts of industry, agriculture, labor, insular and principal Government, and the Federal Government.

Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands in

session assembled:

Short Title

Section 1. This law may be cited as the "Virgin Islands Full Employment Act of 1945."

Free Enterprise and Full Employment

Section 2(a) It is the responsibility of the Government of the Virgin Islands to foster free competitive private enterprise and the investment of private capital.

(b) All Virgin Islanders able to work and seeking work are entitled to an opportunity for useful, remunerative, regular, and full-time employment, including self-employment in agriculture, commerce, industry or the professions.

(c) In order to assure the free exercise of the opportunity for employment set forth above and in order to (1) foster free competitive private enterprise and the investment of private capital; (2) promote the general health and welfare of the Virgin Islands; (3) foster the American line and American education as the foundation of the American way of life; (4) raise the standard of living of the people of the Virgin Islands; (5) provide adequate employment opportunities for returning veterans; (6) develop trade and commerce among the several States and with foreign countries; (7) maintain expanding markets for agricultural products and assure expanding income for agricultural producers; (8) contribute to the economic development of underdeveloped areas of the country; and (9) encourage and strengthen competitive small business enterprises, the Government of the Virgin Islands has the responsibility, with the assistance and co-ordinated efforts of industry, agriculture, labor and municipal governments and organizations with the needs and obligations of the Government of the Virgin Islands to assure continuing full employment, taking the assistance at all times of sufficient employment opportunities for all Virgin Islanders able to work and seeking work.

The Government of the Virgin Islands shall, in cooperation with industry, commerce, labor, and municipal governments, maintain a consistent and carefully planned economic policy, which shall be, but not limited to, taxation, currency, credit, monopoly, and monopolistic practices, wages, minimum wage, maximum hours, conditions of employment, housing, natural resources, the provision of public services, and research, and other economic development, regulatory, or supervisory activities of the Government of the Virgin Islands, and any other thing or

(d) To encourage and assist private enterprises in the production of goods and services, the largest source of employment opportunities;

- (2) stimulate, encourage, and assist municipal governments, through the exercise of their respective functions, to make their most effective contribution to assuring continuing full employment;
- (3) Provide for an income for the aged sufficient to enable them to maintain a decent and healthful standard of living, and promote the retirement from the labor force of the older citizens; and
- (4) to the extent that continuing full employment cannot otherwise be attained, request such volume of Federal investments and expenditure as may be needed, in addition to the investment and expenditure by private enterprises, consumers, and municipal governments, to achieve the objective of continuing full employment. Federal investment and expenditure, whether direct or indirect, or whether for public works, for public services, for assistance to business, agriculture, home owners, veterans, or consumers, or for other purposes, shall be requested, designed to contribute to the insular wealth and well being and to stimulate increased employment opportunities by private enterprises.

Production and Employment Budget

Section 3 (a). The Governor shall transmit to the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands at the beginning of each regular session the Annual Production and Employment Budget (hereinafter referred to as the "Insular Budget") which shall set forth

- (1) For the ensuing fiscal year and such longer period as the Governor may deem appropriate, an estimate of the number of employment opportunities needed for full employment, of the production of goods and services at full employment, and of the volume of investment and expenditure needed for the production of such goods and services;
- (2) Current and foreseeable trends in the number of employment opportunities, the production of goods and services, and the volume of investment and expenditure for the purchase of goods and services, and taking into account the estimate of the government's required provided for in paragraph (3) above;
- (3) A general program, pursuant to section 2, for assuring continuing full employment, together with such recommendations for legislation as he may deem necessary or desirable. Such program shall include whatever measures he may deem necessary to prevent inflationary or deflationary dislocations, or monopolistic

practices, from interfering with the assurance of continuing full employment.

(b). The Insular Budget shall include a review of the economic program of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the preceding year and a report on its effect upon the amount of the insular income and upon the distribution of the insular income among agriculture, industry, labor, and others.

(c). The Governor shall transmit quarterly to the Legislative Assembly a report on economic developments, together with such modifications in the Insular Budget and such legislative recommendations as he may deem necessary or desirable.

(d). When the Insular Budget and the quarterly reports thereon are transmitted to the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, they shall be referred to the Committee on the Insular Budget hereinafter established.

Preparation of Insular Budget

Section 4. (a) The Insular Budget shall be prepared under the general direction and supervision of the Governor and in consultation with heads of departments and establishments.

(b) The Governor shall consult with industry, agriculture, labor, consumers, and municipal governments, and others, with regard to the preparation of the Insular Budget, and for this purpose shall establish such advisory boards, as he may deem desirable.

Committee on the Insular Budget

Section 5. (a) There is hereby established a Committee on the Insular Budget, to be composed of the Municipal Committee of the Municipal Councils of the two municipalities of the Virgin Islands.

(b) The functions of the Committee are—

(1) To study matters relating to the Insular Budget and to consult with the Governor in respect thereto;

(2) To report to the Legislative Assembly the Insular Budget transmitted to it by the Governor in accordance with section 4 of this law; and

(c) The Committee shall elect a chairman and a vice chairman from among its members.

(d) The Committee may, with the approval of the Governor, at such places and times, as it may deem appropriate, hold public hearings for the presentation of such books, papers, and

documents, to administer such oaths, to take such testimony, to procure such printing and binding, and to make such expenditures as it deems advisable.

Interpretation

Section 6. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as directing or authorizing—

- (a) the operation of plants, factories, or other productive facilities by the Government of the Virgin Islands;
- (b) the use of compulsory measures of any type whatsoever in determining the allocation or distribution of manpower;
- (c) any change in the existing procedures on appropriations; or
- (d) the carrying out of, or any appropriation for, any program set forth in the Imperial Budget, unless such program shall have been authorized by provisions of law other than this law.

Item 7 on the Order of the Day was taken up for consideration

Draft of Law to Secure a Safe Milk Supply in the Virgin Islands of the United States.
(Bill No. 13) Sponsored by Carroll E. Harris,
First Member for the South District of St. John
and St. John.

The bill was read in full by the Clerk in the presence of the all member House, and the Committee of the whole.

After the introduction of the bill, and on the close of the discussion, the following voted and were present:

Mr. Alexander	Abst	Mr. Harris	Abst
Mr. Carroll	Yes	Mr. [unclear]	Yes
Mr. [unclear]	"	Mr. [unclear]	"
Mr. [unclear]	"	Mr. [unclear]	"
Mr. [unclear]	Abst	Mr. [unclear]	Abst
Mr. [unclear]	Yes	Mr. [unclear]	Yes
Mr. [unclear]	Abst	Mr. [unclear]	Abst
Mr. [unclear]	Yes	Mr. [unclear]	Yes

(Total - See Day Five Report)

Bill No. 12

The Senate Legislative Assembly of the Virgin
Islands of the United States

Session 1945

Law to Secure Safe Milk Supply in the Virgin Islands of
the United States

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
in session assembled:

Section 1. Definitions. The following definitions shall
apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this law.

A. Milk. - Milk is hereby defined to be the whole lacteal
secretion obtained by the complete milking of one or more
healthy cows, including that obtained during the first 7
days after calving, or such longer period as may be
necessary to render the milk colostrum free, which
contains not less than 8 percent of milk solids not fat,
and not less than 3 1/2 percent of milk fat.

B. Milk fat or Butter fat. - Milk fat or butter fat is
the fat of milk.

C. Cream. - Cream is a portion of milk which contains not less
than 18 percent milk.

D. Buttermilk. - Buttermilk is the product obtained by churning
sour or unsour milk or cream with or without subsequent
removal of the granules of butter fat. It contains not less
than 8 percent of milk solids not fat.

E. Milk Products. - Milk products shall be taken to mean
and include every milk cream, goat milk, butter milk, skimmed
milk, evaporated or condensed milk and cream, milk
beverages, milk powders, butter cheese.

F. Pasteurization. - The terms "pasteurization", "pasteurized",
and "pasteurized milk" as used in this law shall be taken to refer to the process
of heating milk or milk products to a temperature
not less than 145 degrees Fahrenheit and holding at such
temperature for 30 minutes in approved pasteurization
equipment. The pasteurization shall be properly
controlled by the pasteurizing thermometer and (the)
thermometer shall indicate a temperature
of not less than 145 degrees Fahrenheit throughout the
heating period. The pasteurization and pasteurizing and
holding periods shall be included in the process of heating every
milk or milk product to 155 degrees Fahrenheit and
holding at the temperature or above for not less than 15
seconds in approved or approved design and properly operated.

G. Adulterated milk and milk products. - Any substance claimed or labeled to be milk or milk product, but not conforming with the definition as given in these regulations shall be deemed adulterated and misbranded. Milk to which water, or any other foreign substance has been added, is adulterated. Milk from which any part of the cream has been removed is skimmed milk and shall be so labeled.

H. Milk Producer. - A milk producer is any person who owns or controls one or more cows, a part of all of the milk or milk products from which is sold or offered for sale.

I. Milk Distributor. - A milk distributor is any person who offers for sale or sell to another any milk or milk products for human consumption as such.

J. Dairy or Dairy Farm. - A dairy or dairy farm is any place or premises where one or more cows are kept, a part or all of the milk or milk products from which is sold or offered for sale.

K. Milk Plant. - A milk plant is any place, or premises or establishment where milk or milk products are collected, handled, processed, stored, bottled, pasteurized or prepared for distribution.

L. Bacteriocidal Process. - A bacteriocidal process is the application of any method or substance for the destruction of bacteria which, in the opinion of the Department of Health does not adversely affect the equipment or the milk or milk products or the health of the consumer, and which is effective.

M. Person. - The word "person" as used in this law shall mean person, firm, corporation, or association.

Section 2. The sale or distribution of adulterated milk or milk products is prohibited. No person shall produce, sell, offer, or expose for sale or have in storage, with intent to sell, any milk or milk product which is knowingly adulterated or misbranded. It shall be unlawful for any person to import, receive, or supply or supply to have in storage, any milk or milk product which is sold or offered any milk or milk product which does not comply with this law.

In any emergency when in the judgment of the Department of Health the public health is endangered, the Department of Health may, temporarily, suspend the rules, regulations, that the milk producers or milk distributors shall after complying the conditions endangering public health, have the right of

immediate appeal to the Department of Health.

Section 3. All milk locally shall be classified as Raw Milk or Pasteurized Milk and the case may be. Only pasteurized milk shall be used in preparation of any milk product.

All containers in which milk is offered for sale shall be plainly labeled or marked with:

- 1) The word "pasteurized" only if the contents have been pasteurized.
- 2) The word "raw" followed by "boil before using" if the contents have not been pasteurized.

Section 4. Inspection. - All places subject to the scope of these regulations shall be accessible for inspection at any reasonable time and sample of milk products may be taken and examined by the Health Department, as often as may be deemed necessary. Samples of milk and milk products from stores, cafes, soda bottling, restaurants, and other places where milk or milk products are sold shall be examined as often as the health department may require. All proprietors of stores, cafes, soda bottling, restaurants and other similar places shall furnish the health department on request, with the name of the distributor from whom their milk and milk products are obtained.

Section 5. Item 1. - Cows, tuberculosis and other diseases. - A physical examination and a tuberculin test of all herds and individual beasts shall be made before any milk therefrom is sold, and at least once every two years thereafter as deemed necessary. Said test shall be made and the results reported of in accordance with the requirements of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The results of the test must be reported to the Health Department as evidence of the health of the herd.

Item 2. - Contagious Abortion (Contagious Abortion) shall be reported to the Health Department.

Item 3. - Mastitis or entire induration of one or more quarters of the udder ("caked legs") shall be reported to the Health Department.

Item 4. - Every milk can or pail shall be graded and labeled and shall be maintained in a clean condition.

Item 5. - Milk cans shall be removed from the herd or disposed of in such manner as to prevent the carrying of flies or other insects, or the access of cows to

the piles thereof.

Item 4. Toilet. - Every dairy farm shall be provided with a sanitary toilet or privy conveniently located, properly constructed, and maintained so that the waste is inaccessible to flies and does not pollute the surface soil or any water supply.

Item 5. Utensils. - All containers or other utensils used in the handling storage or transportation of milk or milk products must be made of non absorbent material and of such construction as to be easily cleaned. All articles or equipment must be thoroughly cleaned after usage and subjected to the bacteriocidal treatment approved by the Department of Health. After bacteriocidal treatment, the utensils shall be stored and all subsequent handling shall be in such a manner as to prevent contamination of any package with which milk or milk products come in contact.

Item 6. Milking. - The udders and teats of all milking cows shall be cleaned at time of milking. Abnormal milk shall be kept out of the milk supply at all times. The flanks, bellies, and tails of all milking cows shall be free from visible dirt at the time of milking. Milkers hands shall be cleaned and rinsed with a bacteriocidal solution and dried with clean towel immediately before milking. Milkers and milk handlers shall wash clean outer garments while milking and handling milk, milk products, containers or utensils.

Item 7. Contamination of milk must be avoided.

Item 8. Raw milk shall be sold within a hour after milking unless kept under refrigeration. For pasteurization must be delivered to a pasteurizer or cooled after milking to 50 degrees F. or less and maintained at that temperature.

Item 9. Bottles must be clean and sterilized before each use. They must be tightly stoppered with an approved stopper.

Item 10. Personnel, Health. - Any person who has contact with the equipment, handling, storage, or transportation of milk or milk products, containers, or equipment must be free from any communicable disease, must be in good health, and must have a health certificate from a physician.

Item 11. Vehicles. - All vehicles used for the transportation of milk or milk products shall be kept clean.

Section 6. - Repackaging or dipping milk. - No producer or distributor shall transfer or sell milk or milk products dipped from one container to another on the street, or in any vehicle or store. The sale of dip milk is hereby prohibited. All pasteurized milk shall be placed in its final delivery containers in the plant in which it is pasteurized, and all raw milk sold for consumption in the state shall be placed in its final delivery containers at the farm on which it is produced except that the use of quart type bulk containers is temporarily permitted. These shall be subject to all requirements as to cleanliness and protection against contamination as other containers.

Section 7. The sale or fund distribution of milk and milk products not complying with this law is hereby prohibited.

Section 8. Violations of this law shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable accordingly.

Section 9. This bill shall go into force and effect six (6) months after its approval by the Governor.

The meeting was declared recessed by the Chairman until Tuesday night, at 8:30 P. M. clock.

Reconvened Pursuant to Order, on Tuesday
December 11, 1945 at 8:30 P. M.

The County was reconvened by the Acting Chairman Mr. Brown. A roll call was called resulting in 12 members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were taken up.

Resolution Regarding the Practice of Refusing to Deliver Milk in the State, passed by the Board of Health on December 19, 1944, and approved by the Governor on January 6, 1945. The resolution was introduced by Council E. H. Hooton, First. The resolution was read by St. James and St. John. The Committee of the Whole.

The resolution was read by Secretary Martin. Member Hooton moved that the Committee of the Whole be called to order. The motion was carried and on the 11th day of December 1945 the following was adopted by the Committee of the Whole:

Mr. Alexander - - - absent
Mr. Brown - - - present
Mr. Carroll - - - "
Mr. Fleming - - - absent
Mr. Garbutt - - - present
Mr. Gordon - - - "
Mr. Harris - - - "
Mr. Hill - - - "

Mr. Harley	-	-	-	-	Yes
Mr. Joseph	-	-	-	-	"
Mr. Jackson	-	-	-	-	"
Mr. Keener	-	-	-	-	"
Mr. Radwinsky	-	-	-	-	about
Mr. Rathbone	-	-	-	-	Yes
Mr. Rhymond	-	-	-	-	about
Mr. Sprague	-	-	-	-	Yes

Bill No 8
To be Enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

Session 1945
Law to Amend "Law Regarding the Practice of Medicine and the
Allied Sciences in the Virgin Islands of the United States"
passed by the Legislative Assembly on December 12, 1944,
and approved by the Governor on January 8, 1945.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
in session assembled:

Section 1. That section 1 of "Law Regarding the Practice of Medicine and The Allied Sciences in the Virgin Islands of the United States," approved by the Governor on January 8, 1945, is hereby amended by the addition of the following proviso: "I provide further, that any person who has satisfactorily graduated with or without fees the provisions of dentistry or pharmacy in the Virgin Islands for the past three years or more immediately preceding the approval of this act shall not be required to be a graduate of an accredited grade 'A' school of dentistry or pharmacy but, upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Health, shall have the right to receive, and the Governor of the Virgin Islands is hereby empowered to grant, and license to continue practice in his particular field, of any person indicated by proper and duly qualified organizations with the authorities of the United States to do so, and pay the required licensing fee."

Section 2. That section 16 - amended by removing the
"examinations" and substituting the following -
"collected by the following - examinations - or it that
on representations of the - of the - examinations
to the Commission of the - way sent
a temporary license, - six months for
which no fee shall be required."

Item 3 - and next

"Draft of Law to Create the Virgin Islands Tourist Development Board," to Establish and Define its Powers, to Establish the Virgin Islands Tourist Development Fund, and for other purposes.
(Bill No. 10) Sponsored by Helderberg R. Hill,
Second Member from the Town District of St. Thomas.

After the introduction, a discussion followed and on the close of the discussion Bill No. 10 was adopted by the following votes and on the following form:

Mr. Alexander - - - -	Absent	Mr. Hurley - - - -	Yea
Mr. Brown - - - -	Yea	Mr. Joseph - - - -	"
Mr. Carroll - - - -	"	Mr. Jackson - - - -	"
Mr. Fleming - - - -	Absent	Mr. Neasey - - - -	"
Mr. Gault - - - -	Yea	Mr. Ransford - - - -	Absent
Mr. Gordon - - - -	"	Mr. Peabody - - - -	Yea
Mr. Harris - - - -	"	Mr. Rhynes - - - -	Absent
Mr. Hill - - - -	"	Mr. Sprague - - - -	Yea

Bill No. 10
The Virgin Islands Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States
Session 1945

Law to Create the "Virgin Islands Tourist Development Board," to Establish and Define its Powers, to Establish the "Virgin Islands Tourist Development Fund," and for other Purposes.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled:

Section 1. In order to aid in tourist development in the Virgin Islands, and to carry out and establish the "Virgin Islands Tourist Development Board" hereinafter called the Board, which shall consist of five members appointed by the Governor, and provided further that the Board shall be fully organized.

The members of the Board shall be appointed to serve for a term of two years, and until their successors are appointed they shall be paid the sum of \$1000 per annum, and provided that no more than \$1000 shall be paid in any one month without prior approval of the Governor. They shall be entitled to travel expenses, and shall receive such compensation as may be provided by the Board, and shall serve their own officers.

Section 2. Some names of the business to be transacted, and the projects and purposes to be promoted and carried on by

The Board shall be:

- (a) To aid in promoting and stimulating every phase of the tourist trade in the Virgin Islands, and to exercise all of the powers conferred upon it herein in order to accomplish the promotion and development of tourism.
- (b) To buy, lease, acquire by gift, or in any other manner acquire or assist in acquiring, and to sell, lease, mortgage, pledge, assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of or assist in disposing of, without restriction or limit as to the amount, any land or lands or real property of any description and, wherever located, and any right or title of any sort therein, including the structures or other improvements thereon or therein, and any kind of personal property whatsoever or wherever located for any purpose or use necessary or desirable in order to accomplish the purposes, powers and objects stated in this law, with the approval of the Governor.
- (c) To assist in the development of hotel and resort facilities in the Virgin Islands, undertake campaigns of advertising and promotion for the benefit of the Virgin Islands as a whole, and work for the betterment of conditions within the Virgin Islands affecting travel and travelers.
- (d) To cooperate with any governmental agency or agencies within the United States of America, with the Anglo-Caribbean Commission, with any governmental agency or municipality within the Virgin Islands, and with any public or private agency whatsoever within the limits of performing the objectives and measures of the law.
- (e) To accept and administer grants, loans, donations or any other form of assistance or funds made to the Board by any person or corporation or governmental agency, or pursuant to the provisions of any statute of the United States, or of the Virgin Islands, or of any of the Municipal Councils of the Municipalities of the Virgin Islands.
- (f) To recommend to the Municipal Councils and Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands

Islands and the Congress of the United States the adoption of such legislation as may be deemed necessary for the promotion and development of the tourist trade in the Virgin Islands and in the establishment of tourist accommodations and entertainment in the Virgin Islands.

- (g) The Board shall recommend to the Governor for his appointment, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly, an Executive Secretary whose salary shall not exceed Three Thousand Six Hundred (\$3,600) Dollars per annum. The Executive Secretary shall be appointed for a term of two years. All other personal necessary to carry out the objects and purposes of this law with a salary of Twelve Hundred (\$1,200) Dollars per annum or more shall be recommended by the Board for appointment by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly.
- (h) In general to do all that may be necessary to perform the objects and powers granted to the Board by this law.

Section 4. The Board shall submit a quarterly progress report to the Governor and the Municipal Councils of the Virgin Islands, and also a monthly financial report, which shall be submitted not later than fifteen working days following the end of the month.

Section 5. There is hereby created, and established the "Virgin Islands Tourist Development Fund" herein-after referred to as the Fund. Into which shall be deposited any money herein or hereafter appropriated to the Fund. The Board may accept for such Fund any donation or gift of property, real or personal, by the Congress of the United States. The Board shall be managed with the approval of the Governor.

Section 6. The Fund shall be used for the purpose of developing and promoting every phase of the tourist trade in the Virgin Islands, and may be expended by the Board for this purpose.

Section 7. The accounts of the Board shall be

audited by a certified public accountant quarterly, and a report submitted to the Governor, and the Municipal Councils of the Virgin Islands not later than the twentieth of the month immediately following the quarter.

Item 6 was next taken up:

"Draft of Resolution Petitioning the Congress of the United States to Provide an Appropriation of \$500,000 for the Purpose of Promoting and Developing the Tourist Trade in the Virgin Islands. (Bill No. 11) Sponsored by Valdemar Q. Hill, Second member for the Lower District of St. Thomas & St. John."

The bill was read in full by Secretary Gardine.

After the introduction, a discussion followed and on the close of the discussion Bill No. 11 was adopted by the following votes and in the following form:

Mr. Alexander absent
Mr. Brown Yea
Mr. Carroll Yea
Mr. Fleming absent
Mr. Gardine Yea
Mr. Gordon absent
Mr. Harris Yea
Mr. Hill Yea

Mr. Hurley Yea
Mr. Joseph Yea
Mr. Jackson Yea
Mr. Neager Yea
Mr. Radwanosky absent
Mr. Penhney Yea
Mr. Rhymen absent
Mr. Sphaune Yea

Bill No. 11
The Tenth Legislature of the Virgin Islands
of the United States
Session 1955

Resolution Petitioning the Congress of the United States to Provide an Appropriation of \$500,000 for the Purpose of Promoting and Developing the Tourist Trade in the Virgin Islands

Whereas, According to the Department of the United States American Caribbean Commission, an estimated annual expenditure of some \$500,000 may be developed for the Caribbean area;

Whereas, The Virgin Islands are entitled to an adequate share of the tourist trade; and

Whereas, The Virgin Islands are already recognized for their charm, healthy tropical climate, and other unique attractions of value to travelers and vacationists; and,

Whereas, The Government of the Virgin Islands is unable to provide an adequate amount of funds to promote and develop the tourist trade in the Virgin Islands; and,

Whereas, The People of the Virgin Islands, as loyal American citizens look toward the Congress of the United States for aid in developing the tourist trade in an effort to make the Virgin Islands more self supporting and thus placed on a more economic basis:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby Resolved, by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled, that the Congress of the United States, be, and is hereby petitioned to provide an appropriation of at least Five Hundred thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for the purpose of promoting and developing the tourist trade in the Virgin Islands.

And It Is Further Resolved that this appropriation be made available to be expended by the Virgin Islands Tourist Development Board which has been established by law of the Legislative Assembly (certified copy of law is attached to this Resolution);

And It Is Further Resolved that this Resolution be sent to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Finance Committee, the President of the United States, the Secretary of Interior and the Governor of the Virgin Islands.

Resolved, That a Resolution introduced by [unclear] seconded by [unclear] be considered.

Resolved, That the Governor of the Virgin Islands be requested to request the Federal Government to contribute [unclear] for the development of the Virgin Islands.

Resolved, That the bill in full.

The proponent made his introductory remarks. Mr. Gardine moved that this resolution be held over until the following morning. The motion was seconded by Mr. Joseph and carried.

A motion was then made by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Gardine and carried that the Assembly recess until the next day at 10.00 o'clock. The meeting was declared recessed by the Chairman.

Reconvened On Wednesday, December 12, 1945, at 4:00 P. M. After An Extended Caused

The meeting was convened by the Acting Chairman. The Roll was called revealing 12 members present. After a brief recess, the new Rules of Business were reported out and adopted by proper vote.

A discussion then continued on Bill No. 13. After proper amendments were made, the bill was adopted by the following votes and in the following form:

Mr. Alexander L.	Absent	Mr. Huole	Yes
Mr. Brown	Yes	Mr. Jackson	Absent
Mr. Carroll	"	Mr. Joseph	Yes
Mr. Fleming	Absent	Mr. Neayer	"
Mr. Gardine	Yes	Mr. Patterson	Absent
Mr. Gordon	Absent	Mr. Rhymen	Yes
Mr. Harris	Yes	Mr. Sprague	"
Mr. Hill	"	Mr. Penning	"

Bill No. 13
The Death of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

Resolution Islands
to Request the United States to
Veterinary

Whereas, the is now convinced, that the by-product principal in the presence of it the of the

Whereas, in spite of the fact that the have never had more than

stationed locally and he has not maintained permanent residence and service in the Islands, leaving no expert advice in the handling of meat and milk and their by-products or of the diseases of animals available to the people of the Virgin Islands; and

Whereas, The Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands has adopted milk laws and intends to adopt meat laws the proper administration of which will depend in large measure on the continued presence in each municipality of a veterinarian to take care of the needs of the local communities:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled, that the Governor of the Virgin Islands be and is hereby petitioned to request the Federal Government to provide for each of the two municipalities of the Virgin Islands a fully qualified veterinarian with permanent employment and assigned duty to meet the needs of the Virgin Islands municipalities set forth.

A motion was then made, seconded and carried that the Assembly recess until the next morning at 9:30. The meeting was declared adjourned by the Chairman.

Reconvened Pursuant to Motion on Thursday
December 13, 1945, at 9:30 o'clock A.M.

The Assembly was called to order by the Acting Chairman
Oscar Brown.

The roll was called revealing 11 members present.
The minutes of the 14th session and the first
session of the 15th session were read and approved.
The following resolutions were seconded and carried.
The Chairman now be continued.

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The following resolutions were seconded and carried.
The Chairman now be continued.

Reconvened at 11:30 o'clock A.M.
December 13, 1945.

Summary

The Tenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands First Session 1946

For the Continuation of the 1945 Session which was recessed on December 13, 1945, and further continued in 1946 was held on Tuesday, January 29, 1946 to February 3, 1946, at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Honorable Joseph Alexander - Chairman
Honorable Percy Gardine - Secretary

The Assembly was convened by the Chairman on Tuesday January 29, 1946, at 10:30 A. M.

The Roll was called by the Secretary as follows:

Joseph Alexander - - - Present	Edmund Hurley - - - Present
James Brown - - - Present	Hamilton Jackson - - - Present
Eric S. Carroll - - - Present	Daniel Joseph - - - Present
Robert Fleming - - - Absent	Ruben Neizer - - - Present
Percy Gardine - - - Present	Ralph Pearson - - - Present
Rud P. Gordon - - - Present	Comelious Pettey - - - Present
Cornwall E. Harris - - - Present	Weymouth Rhynes - - - Present
Julius Frame - - - Absent	

Before proceeding with the meeting, the Chairman wished his colleagues prosperity and better cooperation for the year 1946.

A motion was then made, seconded and carried that the correspondence be read. This motion was held over and another motion was carried that the Assembly be recessed for 15 minutes or more in order to iron out the problems which they will follow.

Reconvened at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 29, 1946

The meeting was reconvened at the same place (St. Thomas) and the roll was called. 10 present, 4 absent. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned until 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, January 30, 1946.

Mr. de Castro complimented the Assembly for its prompt response to the invitation to participate in the work of the Virgin Islands on the excellent showing of the Virgin Islands in the 1945 Session.

Mr. Dabney was made a member of the Assembly. The information was given to the members of the Assembly.

After the meeting, the members of the Assembly were informed that the meeting would be held on Wednesday, January 30, 1946.

correspondence was read:

1. Letter dated January 15, 1946 to the Chairman of the Legislative Assembly from the Secretary of the Interior (acknowledging letter dated December 14, 1945 and Resolution regarding the promotion of tourist trade in the Virgin Islands and suggested that the Assembly prepare additional data in order that plans could be worked out.
2. Letter dated January 15, 1946 to the Chairman of the Legislative Assembly from the Acting Governor of the Virgin Islands performing the Council of the approval of Bill No. 9 - Law to establish a regular policy and program for assuring continuing full employment and full production in a free competitive economy, through the concerted efforts of industry, Agriculture, Labor, Insular and Municipal Governments, and the Federal Government.
3. Letter dated January 16, 1946, to the Chairman of the Legislative Assembly from Matthew J. Connolly, Secretary to the President, acknowledging receipt of Resolution petitioning Congress for an Appropriation to assist in the development of the tourist trade in the Virgin Islands.
4. Letter dated January 18, 1946, to the Chairman of the Legislative Assembly from the Acting Governor of the Virgin Islands, acknowledging Bill No. 10 of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands - Session 1945, Law to promote the Virgin Islands tourist Development.

5. Letter dated January 18, 1946 to the Acting Chairman of the Legislative Assembly from William D. [unclear], Secretary to the President, acknowledging the approval of [unclear] by the Honorable William [unclear] of the Virgin Islands.

The following items were read in full:

Resolution of the United States House of Representatives

January 17, 1946

The Honorable,
 The Vice Chairman of the Legislative Assembly
 Charlotte Amalie,
 St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

I return herewith, without approval, Bill No. 10 of the
 Sixth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the United
 States, Session 1945. View to Create the Virgin Islands
 Tourist Development Board, to establish and define its powers,
 to establish the Virgin Islands Tourist Development Fund,
 and for other purposes, passed by the Legislative Assembly of the
 Virgin Islands on December 11, 1945.

I am fully in sympathy with the objective of this bill which
 is to promote and develop the tourist trade of the Virgin Islands.
 However, I cannot approve the bill as it stands because it sets forth
 certain definite financial obligations and does not provide any
 machinery to raise the necessary funds to implement it. I object, for
 one thing, to the proposed payment of \$15.00 per meeting to each of
 five members of a Tourist Development Board. In my opinion,
 it should be an honor and a privilege for members of the
 community to serve on such a board.

I am now studying this important subject very carefully with a
 view to making sound recommendations, in the near future,
 looking toward the setting up of a well organized and effective tourist
 development planning program. I intend to submit, within the
 immediate future, a non-compensatory Board whose duties shall
 be to study and, if possible, to accomplish the basic purposes
 of this bill without financial obligation or expense to the
 Municipalities or the Virgin Islands.

A discussion of the bill was held with the following members:

(The Chairman & the following members of the Legislative Assembly)

The two delegates, the members of the Legislative Assembly, related
 to the Assembly the recommendations of the committee on the
 cancellation of the bill.

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Mr. Jackson moved that
 next morning and all shall
 will be discussed and
 and carried by all in the
 The meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned until the
 next morning and all shall
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 and carried by all in the
 The meeting was adjourned.

Reconvened Pursuant to Motion on Thursday
January 31, 1946, at 10:00 A.M.

The assembly was reconvened at 10:00 P. M. by the Chairman. The Assistant called the roll revealing 11 members present and 4 absent without excuse.

(The Chairman & Vice-Chairman exchanged seats, Vice
Chairman presiding)

Mr. Racine reported to the Assembly of the contacts he made with Mr. Gaulty and Mr. Rooney in regard to the 22 Power Plant for both St. John's + St. Proix.

A lengthy discussion next followed by members present, on the reports made by the delegates.

A motion was then made by Mr. Gardine, seconded by Mr. Carroll and carried that the committee's report be accepted.

The Chairman & Vice Chairman again exchanged seats, Chairman Alexander [presiding]

Mr. Girdine moved that the meeting be adjourned until 2:30 o'clock. This was seconded by Mr. Penning, put to the vote and carried.

Reconvened Pursuant to Motion on Thursday,
January 31, 1946 at 2:30 P. M. X

(Vice Chairman, Amer Brown Presiding)

The meeting was convened by the Vice-Chairman. The Roll was called revealing 11 members present and 4 absent.

Item 2 on the Order of the Day was proceeded with:

[illegible]

Mr. [Name] introduced the bill
and after the close of the discussion
was adjourned by the
Speaker.

Mr. Hartley	-	-	-	-	30
Mr. Jackson	-	-	-	-	40
Mr. Joseph	-	-	-	-	50
Mr. Nelson	-	-	-	-	60
Mr. Piddington	-	-	-	-	70
Mr. R. T. T. T.	-	-	-	-	80
Mr. T. T. T.	-	-	-	-	90
Mr. T. T. T.	-	-	-	-	100
Mr. T. T. T.	-	-	-	-	110
Mr. T. T. T.	-	-	-	-	120
Mr. T. T. T.	-	-	-	-	130
Mr. T. T. T.	-	-	-	-	140
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Mr. T. T. T.	-	-	-	-	160
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Bill No. 20

The Sixth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

Session 1945

Resolution Submitting the Senate of the United States to Confirm
the Appointment of Judge William Henry Hastie as Governor
of the Virgin Islands

Whereas, President Truman has issued and sent to the Senate the nomination of William Henry Hastie to be Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States; and,

Whereas, the people of the Virgin Islands are confident that William Hastie, judging from his ability, experience and knowledge of local affairs, is fully and eminently qualified to efficiently perform the functions of this important office; and

Whereas, the experience of the people of the Virgin Islands with respect to William Hastie during his incumbency in these islands as Judge of the (Federal) District Court shows conclusively that he is an ardent worker for the advancement of sound, progressive democratic government, based on the ideals arising out of the American concept of Democracy; and,

Whereas, we feel this nomination of the President and its confirmation by the Senate will bring to the Government of the Virgin Islands an office-holder that would do much to enhance the relationships of the Republic and these Virgin Islands;

Be It Resolved by the Honorable Council of the Virgin Islands in session assembled, that the Senate of the United States, in confirmation of the nomination of William Hastie as Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States;

Be It Further Resolved that the Honorable the Governor of the Virgin Islands be and he is hereby authorized to transmit to the Senate of the United States the nomination of Judge William Hastie as Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States;

That it was passed and approved

Senate of the Virgin Islands
approved by the Senate of the United States
approved by the Senate of the United States
1945

(Bill No. 19) Proposed by Oswald E. Harris,
First Member of the Crown District of St. Thomas.

The Secretary read the draft in full. After the proposer offered his explanation for introducing the amendment it was sent to the Committee of the Whole by a unanimous vote.

Item 4 was then taken up.

Draft of Law Establishing the Flag of the
Virgin Islands of the United States (Bill
No. 21). Proposed by Oswald E. Harris,
First Member of the Crown District of St. Thomas.

After the presentation by the proposer the draft of Law was sent to the Committee of the Whole by proper vote.

Item 5 on the Order of the day was proceeded with.

Draft of Law to Designate June Twenty-Second as
"Organic Act Day" and Designate the Public
Holiday Within the Virgin Islands of the United
States. (Bill No. 22) Proposed by Oswald E.
Harris, Second member for the Crown District
of St. Thomas & St. John.

After the presentation by the proposer the measure was sent to the Committee of the Whole.

It was then moved, seconded and carried that the meeting be recessed until the next morning at 11:30 o'clock.

Reconvened on Friday, February 1, 1946 at 3:00 P.M.
After the opening prayer by the Chairman the Committee of the Whole was called to order by the Chairman.

Chairman, Presiding

The Chairman called to order by the Vice-Chairman. The roll was called and the members present were recorded.

The Chairman then reported on the report of the Committee of the Whole on the Organic Act Reform Committee.

Bill No. 19 was proceeded with by the Secretary, member Harris.

The report was adopted by a unanimous vote.

It was then moved, seconded and carried that the following vote and in the

Mr Alexander - - -	Absent	Mr Harley - - -	Yes
Mr. Brown - - -	Yes	Mr Jackson - - -	Absent
Mr Carroll - - -	"	Mr Neazer - - -	Yes
Mr. Fleming - - -	Absent	Mr. Joseph - - -	Yes
Mr Gardise - - -	Yes	Mr. Cadman - - -	"
Mr. Gordon - - -	"	Mr. Leathers - - -	"
Mr Harris - - -	Yes	Mr. Rhym - - -	Absent
Mr. Sproule - - -	Yes		

Bill No. 19
The Tenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

Session 1945-

Law to Amend Law to Insure a Safe Milk Supply in the Virgin Islands of the United States, Approved by the Governor December 26, 1945.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled:

That Law to Insure a Safe Milk Supply in the Virgin Islands of the United States, Approved by the Governor December 28, 1945, is hereby amended as follows:

Add new Section 10, as follows:

"Section 10. Ordinance to govern the Production, Inspection and Sale of Milk, of January 22, 1945-46 and the provisions hereby repealed, such repeal to become effective on the effective date of this Law.

Bill No 22 was passed with Mr Harris, Speaker of the Committee of the House on Agriculture, in attendance, after which the following vote was taken:

Mr Alexander - - -	Yes	Mr. Rhym - - -	Absent
Mr Brown - - -	Yes	Mr. Leathers - - -	"
Mr. Carroll - - -	"	Mr. Cadman - - -	"
Mr. Fleming - - -	Absent	Mr. Joseph - - -	Yes
Mr Gardise - - -	Yes	Mr. Neazer - - -	Yes
Mr. Gordon - - -	"	Mr. Jackson - - -	Absent
Mr. Harris - - -	Yes	Mr. Sproule - - -	Yes

Bill No. 22

The Senate Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

Session 1946

Law to designate June Twenty-Second as "Organic Act Day"
and declare it a Public Holiday within the Virgin
Islands of the United States

Whereas, An Act (Public 749-74th Congress) (S. 4624) to
provide a civil government for the Virgin Islands, known as the
"Organic Act of the Virgin Islands" was enacted by the Congress
of the United States, and approved by the President of the
United States on June 22, 1936; and,

Whereas, The general principles inherent in a Democratic
Government and embodied in the Constitution of the
United States were extended to the Virgin Islands; and,

Whereas, The Virgin Islands have greatly benefitted
by the Organic Act; and,

Whereas, The Organic Act is of striking importance to
the political advancement and general welfare of the
Virgin Islands and their people; and,

Whereas, Some significance should be given to the
approval of this historical document:

Now therefore Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly
of the Virgin Islands in session assembled:

Section 1. That June Twenty-Second of every year, shall
be known as "Organic Act Day," and it is hereby declared
a public holiday within the Virgin Islands of the
United States.

That on the day of the passage of this Bill on a Sunday
the following day shall be a legal holiday.

That the Bill be read in full

by the Speaker of the Committee
adopted by the following
form:

Mr. [Name]	Yes
Mr. [Name]	Absent
Mr. [Name]	Yes
Mr. [Name]	"
Mr. [Name]	"
Mr. [Name]	"
Mr. [Name]	Absent

Bill No. 23

The Senate Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

Session 1948

Resolution Expressing the Gratitude of the People of the Virgin
Islands to Honorable Ralph R. Rusk and Joseph
Alexander for their Work and Services to Washington
from December 4, 1845, to January 2, 1846.

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolutions unanimously adopted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands on December 3, 1946 -
 (a) a delegation consisting of two members was authorized to proceed immediately to Washington, D.C. to seek (1) the restoration of all redactions and deletions in the deficit appropriation requested for the Municipality of St. Croix and
 (2) to make a strong renewal of the plea of the Virgin Islands for the return of the Internal Revenue (Taxes) collected in the United States on products manufactured in the Virgin Islands; and,

Whereas, Honorable Joseph Alexander and Ralph Garrison
were duly constituted as said delegation; And,

Whereas, said delegation loyally and untiringly performed the duties entrusted to it, resulting in the restoration of a considerable portion of the reductions from the F. W. A. appropriations out of the entire reduction in the St. Louis deficit; and,

Whereas the people of the Virgin Islands are thankful to the members of this Congress for the benefits they have secured to the Islands and desire to express their gratitude, through their Legislative Assembly:

He also reported to the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, in the morning, said that the Virgin Islands had been referred to, alone, in behalf of the Virgin Islands in Washington, to the F. W. A. St. Croix district.

...that this Revolution be
...and Joseph Alexander
...delivered
...the Virgin

Bill No 26 was proceeded with. Member Gordon acted as Speaker of the Committee on the whole. After the introduction the bill was adopted by the following votes and in the following form:

Mr. Alexander - - -	Yea	Mr. Hurley - - -	Yea
Mr. Brown - - -	"	Mr. Jackson - - -	Absent
Mr. Carroll - - -	"	Mr. Keith - - -	Yea
Mr. Fleming - - -	Absent	Mr. Meyer - - -	"
Mr. Gardiner - - -	Yea	Mr. Pugh - - -	"
Mr. Gordon - - -	"	Mr. Sefton - - -	"
Mr. Harris - - -	"	Mr. Rhynes - - -	Absent
Mr. Howe - - -	Yea		

Bill No. 26
The Sixth Legislative Assembly of The Virgin Islands
of The United States
Session 1940-

Resolution Inviting the President of the United States, Harry S. Truman, to visit the Virgin Islands

Whereas, His Excellency Harry S. Truman, President of the United States, has evinced deep interest in the welfare of the Virgin Islands; and

Whereas, During his short term of office he has given sympathetic and favorable consideration to Virgin Islands matters; and

Whereas, In his State of the Union message early this month the President advocated a greater degree of self-government for the Virgin Islands; and

Whereas, Such visit of the President would be very attractive to the people of the Virgin Islands and it is the desire to have him visit in the near future;

Now, Therefore, Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, in session assembled, that the President of the United States, Harry S. Truman, be invited to visit the Virgin Islands in the near future.

The Report of the Committee on the whole was presented by the Speaker of the Council of the whole, and was adopted by a vote of 8 in favor, 2 abstaining. The Assembly then went into recess.

Be It Further Resolved, That this standing delegation shall have full authority, whenever both Councils determine by resolutions adopted by them, to proceed to Washington to appear before committees of Congress and represent the Virgin Islands on any and all matters pertaining to said islands, provided that both municipalities shall bear equally the cost of operation of said standing annual delegation.

Members Pakenbury and Alexander have been elected as Delegates and members Gordon and Penning as substitutes.

Bill No. 27 Draft of Resolution to Petition the President and Congress of the United States to Amend the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to Provide for a Resident Commissioner.

The Secretary read the draft in full. After the introduction by the speaker, member Gordon, a discussion followed and on the close of the discussion the bill was adopted by the following vote and in the following form:

Mr. Alexander - - - Yes	Mr. Hurley - - - Yes
Mr. Brown - - - "	Mr. Jackson - - - "
Mr. Carroll - - - "	Mr. Joseph - - - "
Mr. Fleming - - - absent	Mr. Mayes - - - Absent
Mr. Gordon - - - "	Mr. Pakenbury - - - Yes
Mr. Gordon - - - Yes	Mr. Penning - - - "
Mr. Harris - - - "	Mr. Rhymers - - - absent
Mr. Thomas - - - Yes	

Bill No. 27
The Virgin Islands
of the United States

Resolution to Petition the President and the Congress of the United States to Amend the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to Provide for a Resident Commissioner.

Whereas, the Honorable the President of the United States has by Executive Order provided that the Virgin Islands be given a Representative in Congress;

Whereas, the Secretary of the United States, the Honorable the Secretary of the United States, that the time is

of the Virgin Islands of the United States to be amended to provide for a Resident Commissioner, and,

Whereas, The Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands during its 1945 session elected two delegates and sent them to the national capital to present the cause of the Virgin Islands of the United States before the Senate of the United States, which procedure was made necessary by the lack of a Resident Commissioner for the Virgin Islands of the United States; and,

Whereas, The Organic Act Committee of the Virgin Islands, created by an act of this Assembly, has submitted a Special Report recommending that the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands be amended to provide for a Resident Commissioner; and,

Whereas, The Legislative Assembly of the Virgin, after due consideration and deliberation finds that a Resident Commissioner for the Virgin Islands is necessary to promote the general welfare of the people of the Virgin Islands, and to keep the Congress of the United States aware of the needs and aspirations of the people of the Virgin Islands;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled, That the President and the Congress of the United States be and are hereby petitioned to take the necessary steps to amend the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for a Resident Commissioner in the following form and

The President and the Congress of the United States may see fit

The Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands shall not be less than two members of Resident Commissioner each nominee shall have the votes of the members of Joint Congress and the members of the members of the Congress and it shall be the duty of the electors in the election of the Resident Commissioner to elect a member of the

"The Governor of the Virgin Islands shall issue his certificate of election, and the term of office of the Resident Commissioner shall begin from the date of issuance and shall continue for a term of four years.

"The Resident Commissioner shall be entitled to receive official recognition as such Commissioner by all of the departments and agencies of the United States of America, upon presentation, through the Department of Interior, of his certificate of election.

"The Resident Commissioner shall receive a salary of \$10,000.00 per annum, payable by the United States of America, and shall be allowed the same sum for stationery and for the pay of necessary clerk hire as is now allowed to the Members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and he shall be allowed the sum of \$500.00 as mileage for each session of the House of Representatives, and he shall enjoy the franking privilege granted to the Members of the Congress.

"The Resident Commissioner shall be entitled to a seat in the House of Representatives of the United States, and there to give expression of his views. He shall also be a member of the House Insular Affairs Committee, with the right to vote in this Committee.

"No person shall be eligible to election as Resident Commissioner who is not a bona fide citizen of the United States, and who is not a resident of the Virgin Islands who does not speak and understand the English language and who has resided in the Virgin Islands for a period of not less than one year prior to his election.

"In case of the death or resignation of the Resident Commissioner, the Governor shall appoint a successor to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term of the predecessor.

The next general election and until his successor is elected and qualified."

Be It Further Resolved, and it is further resolved that copies of this Resolution be sent to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Territories and Insular Possessions, to the Chairman of the House Insular Affairs Committee, to the Secretary of the Interior, and to the Governor of the Virgin Islands.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the meeting be recessed until Saturday, February 2, 1946 at 9:00.

[Recessed at 7:00 o'clock on Friday, Feb. 1, 1946]

(Because of lack of a quorum at the appointed time, the Assembly failed to reconvene, and therefore continued in recess sine die.)

Wm. H. Brown
Vice-Chairman

N.B. & C.

Leroy Gardine
Secretary

Proceedings

Of the 1946 Session of the Legislative Assembly of the V.I.
2nd Session 1946 - Eleventh

The 1946 Second Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands was duly convened by Proclamation of the Governor of September 14, 1946, and by amendments thereto of November 6, 14 and 18, and was called to order by Acting Chairman, Omar Brown, on the 18th of November 1946, at 10:00 a.m.

The Proclamation of the Governor convening the Session was duly read by Acting Secretary, Percy J. Gardine as follows:

Government of
 The Virgin Islands of the United States
 Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas
 By the Governor of the Virgin Islands

A Proclamation

Concerning the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands

Whereas, Section 7 of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands of the United States, approved June 22, 1936, provides that after January 1, 1937, joint sessions of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John and of the Municipal Council of St. Croix shall constitute and shall be designated the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands.

And Whereas, Section 7 aforesaid further provides that the Governor shall call the Legislative Assembly at least once during each calendar year:

Now, Therefore, I William F. Hartee, Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, by virtue of the power in me vested, do hereby convene a session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands to be held at the Municipal Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, at 11:00 a.m., Monday, November 18, 1946, for consideration of the following subject matters (names of prospective sponsors omitted) the information following each item:

1. An act to amend the Mental Health Act and Mr. Downing.
2. An Act to amend the ... Mr. Henniger and Mr. ...
3. An Act to provide a system of ... based on merit ...

4. An act to establish a Virgin Islands Guard.
Mr. Downing and Mr. Harrigan.
5. An act to provide uniform business license fees and excise taxes. Mr. Gordon and Mr. Gurdine.
6. An act to provide a uniform and zoning code.
Mr. Joseph and Mr. Rhynes.
7. An act to authorize the appointment of a Code Commission to formulate a uniform code of criminal laws. Mr. Carroll and Mr. Harris.
8. An act to provide rent control for real property used for private, public, commercial and industrial purposes, and real property on which, subsidiary houses are constructed. Mr. Gordon and Mr. Neayer.
9. An act to create a Virgin Islands Power Authority.
Mr. Neayer and Mr. Gordon.
10. An act to amend law concerning actions to declare void or dissolve the marriage contract. Mr. Gordon + Mr. Neayer.
11. An act to provide a uniform method of compensation for members of the Municipal Councils. Mr. Rhynes + Mr. Carroll.
12. A uniform Civil Rights Act. Mr. Neayer + Mr. Downing.
13. An act to unincorporated inter-island trade.
Mr. Downing and Mr. Carroll.
14. An act to provide a uniform method of appointments to public offices and positions, and authorities created by the Government. Mr. Downing and Mr. Neayer.
15. An act to amend law regarding the practice of medicine and the medical profession. Mr. Joseph and Mr. Harris.

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following items:

1. An act to amend law of the electorate to conform with the Organic Act.

2. An act to amend the Soil Conservation Act.

3. An act to amend the Land Use Act of 1945.
(Hon. S. S. S. to Hon. S. S. S. Hon. T. B. Brown)

upon motion duly adopted, the Bill automatically went to Committee of the Whole for further action.

The Assembly remained in deliberation and hearings in the Committee of the Whole from Nov. 23, to December 4, inclusive.

The following measures were reported out of the Committee of the Whole, and duly published for consideration of the Legislative Assembly, in public session assembled.

Order of the Day

For the Eleventh Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, convened by the Governor of the Virgin Islands on Monday, November 18, 1946, at the Municipal Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Charlotte Amalie St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

Legislative Day, Thursday, December 5, 1946.

Item 1. Second discussion on Bill No. 1, Draft of Law to insure a safe Milk Milk Supply in the Virgin Islands of the United States, proposed by Ludwig Harrigan, Member at Large for St. Croix and Oswald E. Harris, First & Second Member for the Town District of St. Thomas.

Item 2. Second discussion on Bill No. 2, entitled The Personnel Management Law of the Virgin Islands, proposed by Ludwig Harrigan, Member at Large for St. Croix and Oswald E. Harris, First & Second Member for the Town District of St. Thomas.

Item 3. Draft of Bill No. 3, Draft of the Governor of the Virgin Islands, take necessary steps to make the Virgin Islands a Unit of the Nation. Proposed by Ludwig Harrigan, Member at Large for St. Croix and Oswald E. Harris, First & Second Member for the Town District of St. Thomas.

Item 4. Draft of Bill No. 4, Draft of a Law to provide for the Appointment of a Code of Ordinances. Proposed by Ludwig Harrigan, Member at Large for St. Croix and Oswald E. Harris, First & Second Member for the Town District of St. Thomas.

Second Member for Christiansted Town District and Oswald E. Harris, First Elected Member for the Town District of St. Thomas.

Item 5. Second Discussion on Bill No. 5, Draft of an Act to Provide a Uniform Method of Compensation for Members of the Municipal Councils. Proposed by Mr. Eric Carroll, Second Member for Christiansted Town District and Weymouth Rhymer, Second Elected Member for the Country District of St. Thomas.

Item 6. Second Discussion on Bill No. 6, Draft of an Act to Provide Equal Rights in Places of Public Accommodation, Resort, or Amusement, Proposed by Ruben Neagers, Second member for Frederiksted Town District and Carlos A. Downing, Second Elected Member for the Town District of St. Thomas.

Item 7. Second Discussion on Bill No. 7, Draft of Law to Amend "Law Regarding the Practice of Medicine and the Allied Science in the Virgin Islands of the United States," Approved by the Governor January 9, 1945. Proposed by Daniel Joseph, Second Member for Christiansted Country District and Oswald E. Harris, First Elected Member for the Town District of St. Thomas.

Item 8. Second Discussion on Bill No. 8, Draft of Resolution Authorizing the Governor of the Virgin Islands to accept on behalf of the Virgin Islands Government, certain membership shares in the Caribbean Development Corporation. Proposed by Mr. E. Harris, First Elected Member for the Town District of St. Thomas.

Item 9. Second Discussion on Bill No. 9, Draft of an Act to Amend the Government Health Department in the Virgin Islands. Title V of the Act to Amend the Virgin Islands.

Item 10. Second Discussion on Bill No. 10, Draft of a Resolution to Amend the

Soil Conservation Service and the Farm Security Administration of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Item 11. Bill No. 11, Draft of Resolution Expressing the Appreciation of the People of the Virgin Islands for the Services Rendered by the Office of Price Administration. Proposed by the Committee of the Whole.

Item 12. Bill No. 12, Draft of Resolution Accepting the Report of the Second West Indian Conference of the Anglo American Commission. Proposed by the Committee of the Whole.

Office of the Chairman, Charlotte Amalie,
St. Thomas, V.I., December 4, 1946.

Roy P. Gordon
Chairman

The Legislative Assembly duly reconvened on Thursday, December 5, 1946, at 11:00 a.m. for final action on these measures. On this day the first 4 items on the agenda were duly adopted by the body. Item 5 was also considered but failed to receive favorable action.

On December 6, 1946 the Assembly convened at 9:00 a.m. and passed items 6 to 12 inclusive.

~~The Assembly after brief speeches of good wishes from the members, adjourned at 10:00 a.m.~~

~~The following members of the Assembly and the Executive Committee were present:~~

Mr. [Name]	absent	Mr. Harrigan	yea
Mr. [Name]	absent	Mr. Hurley	yea
Mr. [Name]	yes	Mr. Joseph	yea
Mr. [Name]	yes	Mr. Meager	yea
Mr. [Name]	absent	Mr. Paine	absent
Mr. [Name]	yes	Mr. Pennington	absent
Mr. [Name]	yes	Mr. [Name]	absent
Mr. [Name]	yes	Mr. [Name]	yea

Bill No. 1
The Eleventh Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States
Session 1946

Law to Insure a Safe Milk Supply in The Virgin Islands of The United States

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of
the Virgin Islands in session assembled:

Section 1. Definitions: The following
definitions shall apply in the interpretation
and enforcement of this Law:

(a) Milk - Milk is hereby defined to be the
whole lacteal secretion obtained by complete
milking of one or more healthy cows, excluding
that obtained during the first 7 days after
calving, or such longer period as may be
necessary to render the milk colostrum
free, which contains not less than 8 per
cent of milk solids not fat, and
not less than $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent or milk fat.

(b) Milk Fat or Butter Fat - Milk fat or
butter fat is the fat of milk.

(c) Cream - Cream is a portion of milk con-
tains not less than 18 per cent milk fat.

(d) Buttermilk - Buttermilk is the product
obtained by churning soured or unsoured milk
or cream with or without subsequent removal
of the granules of butter fat. It contains not
less than 8 per cent of milk solids not fat.

(e) Milk Products - Milk products shall
be taken to mean and include cream, sour
cream, goat milk, buttermilk, skimmed
milk, reconstituted or recombined milk
and cream, milk beverages, skimmed
milk beverages, butter, cheese.

(f) Pasteurization - The terms "pasteurization"
"pasteurized," and similar terms shall be
taken to refer to the process of heating
every particle of milk or milk products to
a temperature of not less than 142 degrees
Fahrenheit and holding at such temperature
not less than 30 minutes, in approved
pasteurization apparatus, providing that
apparatus shall be properly operated and
that the indicating thermometers and the
recording thermometer charts both indicate
a temperature of not less than 143 degrees
F., continuously throughout the holding period.

The terms pasteurization and pasteurized and similar terms shall also include the process of heating every particle of milk or milk products to 160 degrees F. and holding at the temperature or above for not less than 15 seconds in apparatus of approved design and properly operated.

(g) Adulterated Milk & Milk Products - Any substance claimed or labeled to be milk or milk product, but not conforming with its definition as given in these regulations shall be deemed adulterated and misbranded. Milk to which water, or any other foreign substance has been added, is adulterated. Milk from which any part of the cream has been removed is skimmed milk and shall be so labeled.

(h) Milk Producer - A milk producer is any person who owns or controls one or more cows, a part of all of the milk or milk products from which is sold or offered for sale.

(i) Milk Distributor - A milk distributor is any person who offers for sale or sell to another any milk or milk products for human consumption as such.

(j) Dairy or Dairy Farm - A dairy or dairy farm is any place or premises where one or more cows are kept, a part or all of the milk or milk products from which is sold or offered for sale.

(k) Milk Plant - A milk plant is any place, or premises, or establishment where milk or milk products are collected, handled, processed, stored, bottled, pasteurized or prepared for distribution.

(l) Bacteriocidal Process - A bacteriocidal process is the application of any method or substance for the destruction of bacteria which, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Health, does not adversely affect the quality of the milk or milk products or the health of the consumer, and which is effective.

(m) Person - The word "person" as used in the law shall mean person, firm, corporation or association.

Section 2. The sale of adulterated or mislabeled milk or milk products is prohibited.

No person shall produce, sell, offer, or expose for sale or have in possession with intent to sell any milk or milk product which is adulterated or mislabeled. It shall be unlawful for any person to import into the Virgin Islands or supply or receive for sale or to sell, or offer for sale, or to have in storage where milk or milk products are sold or served any milk or milk products which does not comply with this law.

In any emergency when in the judgement of the Commissioner of Health the milk or milk product in question has or may become a public menace, the Commissioner of Health may temporarily suspend the sale, provided that the milk producer or milk distributor shall, after correcting the conditions endangering public health, have the right of immediate appeal to the Commissioner of Health.

Section 3. All milk locally produced shall be classified as Raw milk or Pasteurized milk as the case may be. Only pasteurized or boiled milk shall be used in preparation of any milk product, except butter and cheese.

All containers in which is offered for sale shall be plainly labeled or marked with the name of the producer or distributor, and with:

1. The word "pasteurized," only if the contents have been pasteurized.
2. The word "raw - boil before using," if the contents have not been pasteurized.

Section 4. (a) Inspection. All places subject to the scope of this Ordinance shall be available for inspection at any reasonable time, and samples of milk or milk products may be taken for examination by the Department of Health as often as may be deemed necessary. Samples of milk and milk products from stores, cafes, soda fountains, restaurants, hotels, and other places where milk or milk products are sold shall be examined as often as the Commissioner of Health may require. All proprietors of places handling milk or milk products for sale shall furnish the Commissioner of Health, on request, with the name of the producer or distributor from whom their milk or milk product are obtained.

(b) Permits. It shall be unlawful for any person to produce, sell, or offer for sale, any milk or milk products within the Virgin Islands who does not possess a permit from the Commissioner of Health. In the case of vehicles or any other means of transporting milk or milk products, the permit number shall appear in a conspicuous place thereon in figures at least 3 inches high and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide. All establishments offering for sale milk or milk products produced in the Virgin Islands shall maintain in a conspicuous place in the establishment a copy of the permit issued by the Commissioner of Health.

(c) Exceptions. Milk or milk products imported into the Virgin Islands by duly licensed merchants shall be under the direct supervision of the Commissioner of Health. Licensed merchants selling or offering for sale canned milk and other imported ^{milk} products shall not be required to have a permit, but said canned milk and other imported milk products shall be sold subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Health.

Section 5. (a) Cause Tuberculosis & Other Diseases. A physical examination and a tuberculin test of all herd and additions thereto shall be made before any milk therefrom is sold, and at least once every two years thereafter by a licensed veterinarian. Said test shall be made and any reactors disposed of in accordance with the requirement of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. A certificate signed by the veterinarian must be filed with the Commissioner of Health as evidence of the test.

Reactors to any contagious abortion shall be immediately removed from the milking herd.

Any cow that shows evidence of entire induration of the udder ("caked bag,") shall be immediately removed from the milking herd.

Any dairy barn or shed shall be adequately lighted, and shall be kept free of any overcrowding. It shall be constructed of concrete or masonry and shall be at least 6 inches deep. The floor shall be sloped to drain properly, and shall be kept clean at all times. The walls and ceilings of all dairy barns shall be whitewashed or painted every year, or painted every year, and shall be kept clean and in good repair.

(c) Manure Disposal. All manure shall be removed from the barn and disposed of in such manner as to prevent the breeding of flies. All cow pens shall be graded and drained and shall be maintained in a clean condition.

(d) Toilet. Every dairy farm shall be provided with a sanitary toilet or privy conveniently located, properly constructed, and maintained so that the waste is inaccessible to flies and does not pollute the surface soil or any water supply. Convenient facilities shall be provided for the washing of hands.

(e) Utensils. All containers or other utensils used in the handling, storage, or transportation of milk or milk products must be made of non-absorbent material and of such construction as to be easily cleaned. All articles or equipment must be thoroughly cleaned after usage and subjected to the bacteriocidal treatment, the utensils shall be stored and all subsequent handling shall be in such a manner as to prevent contamination of any surface with which milk or milk products come in contact.

(f) Milking. The udders and teats of all milking cows shall be cleaned at time of milking. Abnormal milk shall be kept out of the milk supply at all times. The flanks, bellies, and tails of all milking cows shall be free from visible dirt at the time of milking. Milkers' hands must be cleaned and washed with a bacteriocidal solution immediately with clean towels immediately before milking. Wet hand milking is prohibited. Milkers must not handle the udders or teats or udders with which the udders are in contact while milking the milk. The udders must be cleaned before milking. Some other persons shall wear clean clothing and handling or utensils.

(g) Milk House. There shall be a milk house or similar building for the storage of milk or milk products. The milk house shall be provided with bacteriocidal treatment and storage of equipment and utensils. The milk house or similar building shall be maintained in a clean condition.

with sufficient water, approved by the Commissioner of Health, concrete floors in good repair, and graded to provide proper drainage. The walls and ceilings shall be constructed so as to permit easy cleaning and shall be painted or whitewashed. The milk room shall be well ventilated and all openings screened to prevent the entrance of flies, and shall not open directly into a stable or any room used for domestic purposes. Facilities must be provided for heating water and cleaning utensils. The milk room shall be used for no other purpose.

(h) Contamination of milk must be avoided, and each pail of milk removed immediately to the milk room. No milk shall be strained or poured in the dairy barn.

(i) Raw milk shall be sold within 4 hours after milking unless kept under refrigeration. Milk for pasteurization must be delivered within 2 hours after milking or cooled to 50 degrees F., or less and maintained at that temperature.

(j) Only standard type milk bottles may be used and must be cleaned and sanitized before using. All bottles must be tightly stoppered with new, clean milk bottle caps.

(k) Personnel Health. Every person in contact with the production, handling, storage, transportation of milk or milk products, containers, or equipment, shall furnish such information, permit such physical examination and submit such laboratory specimens as the Commissioner of Health may require for purposes of determining freedom from infection.

(l) Hygiene. All vehicles used for transporting milk or milk products shall be kept clean.

(m) Dipping Milk. No milk shall be dipped into any liquid or substance to another container or store. The sale of milk so dipped is prohibited. All pasteurized milk shall be placed in its final delivery containers on the farm or where it is pasteurized and all milk sold for consumption in the raw state shall be placed in its final delivery containers at the farm, or where it is produced, so that bottling may be done at milk

stations shall be subject to all requirements as to cleanliness and protection against contamination as provided in this law.

Section 7. The Commissioner of Health is hereby authorized to issue numbered permits to persons dealing in milk or milk products under this Ordinance. The Commissioner of Health may revoke or suspend said permits in the interest of the public health for the violation of or non-compliance with any of the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 8. The sale or distribution of milk and milk products not complying with this Law is hereby prohibited.

Section 9. The respective Municipal Councils shall establish such special funds as they respectively may deem necessary for the purpose of making loans to milk producers to assist in carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Section 10. Violations of this Law shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punished accordingly.

Section 11. This bill shall go into force and effect on July 1, 1947 at which time all laws, ordinances, and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith and specifically Bill No. 12 of the Tenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, entitled Law to Insure a Safe Milk Supply in the Virgin Islands of the United States, approved December 31, 1946, are hereby repealed.

Mr. [unclear]
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Mr. [unclear]

Mr. [unclear] - yes
Mr. [unclear] - yes
Mr. [unclear] - yes
Mr. [unclear] - yes
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Mr. [unclear] - yes
Mr. [unclear] - yes

The President of the Council of the Virgin Islands
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The Personnel Merit System Board of the Virgin Islands

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly
of the Virgin Islands in session assembled;

Title

The Personnel Merit System Law of the Virgin Islands.

General Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of this Act is to establish for the Government of the Virgin Islands a system of personnel administration based on merit principles and scientific methods governing the appointment, promotion, transfer, lay-off, removal and discipline of its officers and employees and other incidents of Government employment.

Except as hereinafter specified all appointments and promotions to positions in the classified service shall be made on the basis of merit and fitness, to be ascertained by competitive examinations.

Definitions

Section 2. As used in this Act, unless context clearly requires otherwise --

- (1) "Government" or "Government Service" means the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, including governmental activities administered by boards, commissions and authorities.
- (2) "Division" means the division of personnel in the Office of the Government Secretary.
- (3) "Director" means the Director of Personnel.
- (4) "Board" means the Board of Personnel.
- (5) "Administrative agency" means an administrative agency or other service in the Government Service.
- (6) "Superior" means the Governor or the person having power to make appointments in the Government Service.
- (7) "Group" means a group of persons in the classified service performing similar duties, authority and responsibilities that the same qualifications may be reasonably required.

for and the same schedule of pay can be equitably applied to all positions in the group.

- (8) "Entrance Test" means a test for positions in a particular class, admission to which is not limited to persons employed in the government service.
- (9) "Promotion Test" means a test for positions in a particular class, admission to which is limited to regular employees in the classified service.
- (10) "Employment list" means a list of persons who have been found qualified by an entrance test for appointment to a position in a particular class.
- (11) "Promotion List" means a list of persons who have been found qualified by a promotion test for appointment to a position in a particular class.
- (12) "Reemployment List" means a list of persons who have been regular employees and who are entitled to have their names certified for appointments to certain positions in the classified service.
- (13) "List" means an employment list, a promotion list or a reemployment list.
- (14) "Eligible" means a person whose name is on a list.
- (15) "Regular employment" means an employee who has been appointed to a position in the classified service in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Service Act.
- (16) "Public notice" means notice of the fact that a position is open for appointment.

Approved: _____

Section 3. The Director of the Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Division of Personnel, the Administrator of the Civil Service Commission, and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, are authorized to issue orders and regulations for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act.

(b) In the Division of Personnel there shall be made to enable the Division to carry out effectively the provisions of this Act.

Appointment of the Director

Section 4. The Governor shall, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly, unless other provision shall be made for this position on the Federal Budget, appoint the Director of Personnel who may be an employee of the Federal Government. The Director shall serve for a period of four years if locally appointed.

Duties of the Director

Section 5 (a) The Director, as administrative head of the Division, shall direct and supervise all its activities. In addition to the duties imposed upon him elsewhere in this Act it shall be his duty:

(1) To establish and maintain a roster of all employees in the Government Service, in which there shall be set forth, as to each employee, the class title of the position held; the compensation; any change in class title, pay or status; and any other data which he deems necessary.

(2) To recommend for appointment, under the provisions of this Act, such employees of the Division as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

(3) To conduct such investigations as are required to determine the aptitude and efficiency of employees and to report his findings to the Commission on the Administration of the Government.

(4) To conduct such investigations as are required to determine the aptitude and efficiency of employees and to report his findings to the Commission on the Administration of the Government.

(5) The Director may select officers or employees in the Government Service to act as examiners in

the preparation and rating of tests. A department head shall excuse any employee in his department from his regular duties for the time required for his work as an examiner. Officers and employees shall not be entitled to extra pay for their work as examiners but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary traveling and other expenses.

Organization of the Personnel Board

Section 6 (a). The members of the Board shall be citizens of the United States and bona fide residents of the Virgin Islands and shall be in sympathy with the application of merit principles of public employment. No member of the Board shall hold, or be a candidate for, any public office.

(b) One member of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John. One member of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Municipal Council of St. Cruz. One member of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor. Each member of the Board shall hold office for a term of two years.

(c) Members of the Board shall each be paid five dollars for each day devoted to the work of the Board but not more than two hundred dollars in any year.

(d) The Chairman shall be elected from among the members of the Board. The Board shall meet at such times and places as it shall determine. It shall be presided over by the Chairman. Two members shall constitute a quorum for the Board.

Section 7. The Board shall be organized upon its establishment and shall be the duty of the Board to

1. To represent the Government in the administration of the personnel system.

Unclassified And Classified Service

Section 9 (a): The Government Service shall be divided into the classified service and the unclassified service.

(b) The unclassified service shall comprise the positions of:

1. all department heads.
2. Members of Boards and Commissions whose compensation is only fees, diem allowances and traveling expenses.
3. Persons employed in a professional or scientific capacity to make or conduct temporary and special inquiries, investigations or examinations on behalf of the Legislative Assembly or a committee thereof, or either municipal council or a committee thereof, or by authority of the Governor.
4. Casual labor and other persons employed for less than one year on projects of a temporary nature.
5. All elective positions.
6. All Federal employees.

(c) The classified service shall comprise all other positions now existing or hereafter created in the Government Service.

Status Of Present Employees

Section 10. Employees who at the time this act takes effect, shall be holding what the act places in the classified service, and who have held such positions for one year immediately prior to the effective date of this act, shall be so certified by the Department Head, and their work has been interrupted, be considered to be regular employees. A determination shall be made by the Director, not later than one year after the effective date of this act.

Employees who at the time this act takes effect hold positions in the act places in the classified service, but who have not held such positions for one year immediately prior to the effective date of this act shall be considered to be special employees and shall

be considered to be regular employee one year after their appointment to such positions provided the department head certifies that their work has been satisfactory during one year period. Such certification for probational employees shall be made to the Director within ten days following the expiration of such one year of service.

Employees who, at the time this act takes effect hold positions which this Act places in the classified service but for whom no certificate of satisfactory service is filed, as herein provided, shall be considered to be holding a provisional appointment as provided for in Section 21 of this Act.

Classification Plan

Section 16. The Director shall ascertain the duties, authority, and responsibilities of all positions in the classified service. As soon as possible after the effective date of this Act he shall prepare and recommend to the Governor a classification plan which shall group all positions in the classified service in classes based on their duties, authority and responsibilities. The classification plan shall set forth among other things for each class of positions, a class title and a statement of the duties, authority and responsibilities thereof. The Director shall hold a public hearing on such classification plan. Such plan shall take effect on the first day of July next following its approval by the Governor.

Allocation of Positions

Section 17. As promptly as practicable after the adoption of such classification plan the Director shall allocate each position in the classified service to the appropriate class therein. Whenever the Director makes the allocation of a position to a class, he shall file with the Director a statement of the reasons therefor. Any person aggrieved by such allocation shall be heard by the Governor.

Amendments

Classification Plan

Section 18. Before establishing a position in the classified service or making any permanent and substantial change in duties, authority or

responsibilities of a position in such service, a department head shall notify the Director in writing of his intention so to do.

(b) The Director may at any time, after affording to the employees affected a reasonable opportunity to be heard, allocate any new position to a class, or change the allocation of any position to a class.

(c) The Director may, after a public hearing on such proposed change, recommend to the Governor changes in the classification plan. Any change in classification plan shall take effect when approved by the Governor. If any change is made in the classification plan by which a class of positions is divided, altered or abolished, or classes are combined, the Director shall forthwith reallocate the positions affected to their appropriate classes in the amended classification plan.

Use of Class Titles

Section 14. Following the adoption of the classification plan and the allocation to classes therein of positions in the classified service, the class titles set forth therein shall be used to designate such positions in all official records. No person shall be appointed to or employed in a position in the classified service under a class title which has not been approved by the Director as appropriate to the duties to be performed.

Pay Plans

Section 15. After consultation with department heads and the government fiscal officer, the Director shall prepare and submit to the Governor a pay plan for the classified service. The plan shall include, for each class, a minimum and a maximum rate as the Director deems equitable. In determining the rates, the Director shall consider the experience of persons in the government service, the prevailing rates of pay for the service performed, and for comparable services in public and private employment, including cost, maintenance or other benefits received by

employees, and the government financial condition and policies.

(b) Such pay plan shall take effect on the first day of July next following its approval by the Governor; provided, that the original plan and any proposed amendments also be submitted to and the respective municipal councils at the time it is submitted to the Governor, and shall not become effective in a Municipality if within thirty (30) days after such submission the municipal council of that Municipality shall, by Resolution, disapprove the pay plan. Amendments thereto may from time to time be recommended by the Director and submitted to the Governor and the respective municipal councils for approval. Each employee in the classified service shall be paid at one of the rates set forth in the pay plan for the class of positions in which he is employed, provided that nothing in this Act shall cause the salary of any employee holding a position in the Government Service to be reduced below the amount he was receiving on the effective date of this Act.

Test

Section 16. The Director shall from time to time conduct such promotion tests and entrance tests as he considers necessary for the purpose of establishing promotion lists and employment lists. The tests shall be competitive and shall be of such character as to determine the relative fitness and ability of the person tested to perform the duties of the class of positions for which a list is to be established, except that with the exception of the promotion tests for a promotion from one position to another, the requirements of the tests shall be written, oral, or by demonstration of such types. In the consideration of such tests, the Director shall take into consideration such factors as education, experience, aptitude, age, sex, race, and physical condition, as in the judgment of the Director may be necessary for the determination of the fitness of the applicant. No part of the promotion shall be so framed as to require any person to be of a particular race or religion or of any particular affiliation of an

applicant.

Admission To Test

Section 17. Admission to tests shall be open to all persons who are desirous of sitting the examination in accordance with specified regulations issued by the Director with the approval of the Governor. The Director may, however, reject the application of any person for admission to a test or may remove the name of any person from a list or refuse to certify the name of any person from a list for a position if he finds that such person lacks any of the required qualifications. Provided that any person refused admission to any test because of prejudice shall have the right of appeal. Before the Board hereinafter created, and upon certification of the Board that the applicant possesses the necessary qualifications the Board shall order that the applicant be permitted to take a test and if found eligible his name shall be placed on the list. The Director may also reject any applicant who is found physically unfit to perform effectively the duties of the position in which he seeks employment, or is addicted to the habitual excessive use of drugs or intoxicating liquors, or has been convicted of a crime or guilty of any notoriously disgraceful conduct, or who has been dismissed from the public service, or has made a false statement of material fact or deception in his application or test or in attempting to secure appointment.

Results of Tests

Section 18. The results of tests shall be compiled by the Director and published not later than the first of the month in which the test was given. The Director shall extend the time for the test if he shall require it. The results of the test shall be given to the applicant in writing, rating on the list, or of his position on the list. Each person who has taken a test in accordance with the regulations of the Director shall be entitled to a certificate of test papers. A person who has taken a test

the certification of three names, then less than three names may be certified.

Certification shall be made from the appropriate list, but if no such list exists then the Director may certify from such other list as is the next most nearly appropriate list.

Probational Appointments

Section 20. Every person appointed to a position in the classified service from a list shall serve a probational period or working test before being given a status as a regular employee. The probation period shall begin on the effective date of appointment to the position and shall continue for such time as shall be determined by the rules.

Periodically during the working test period and in such manner as the Director may require, the department head shall report to the Director his observations of the employee to perform satisfactorily the duties of the position. Ten days prior to the completion of the working test period the department head shall notify the Director in writing as to whether or not the employee should be continued in the position.

If at any time during the probational period the department head reports that the employee is unable or unwilling to perform satisfactorily the duties of the position, the Director may recommend to the appointing authority the removal of such employee. Such recommendation shall be made in writing and shall be entered in the personnel file of the employee. The Director may also recommend the removal of an employee if he finds, after a fair trial, that the employee is guilty of fraud or error.

Section 21. No department head desires to fill a vacancy in the classified service, and the Director cannot certify the required number of eligible names for such vacancy.

because there is not a sufficient number of persons on the appropriate list who are willing to accept appointment, the Director shall promptly report this fact to the appointing authority. The appointing authority may then fill the vacancy by making a provisional appointment of any person qualified to perform the duties of the position. A provisional appointee shall hold position only until an appropriate list has been established and the required certification can be made. No provisional appointment shall last more than four months, except that during the first eight months after the effective date of this act provisional appointments may be made for a longer period expiring not later than twelve months after the effective date of this act.

Emergency Appointments

Section 22. When a emergency makes it impossible to fill a position in the classified service under any other provision of this act the appointing authority may appoint any qualified person to such position in order to prevent stoppage of public business or loss or serious inconvenience to the public. Any such person shall be employed only during such emergency and for a period not exceeding thirty days in any twelve-month period. A vacancy of which the department has had a reasonable notice, or an employment condition of which he had, or might with due diligence have had, previous knowledge, shall not be considered an emergency under this section.

Service Standards and Rating

Section 23. The comparison with department heads the Director shall establish, and shall from time to time amend, standards of performance for employees in each class of positions in the classified service, and shall establish service ratings based upon such standards.

Payrolls

Section 24. No person shall disburse or authorize the disbursement of money, or make or approve or take any action in the making of or approving any payroll or payroll service to any person, holding position in the Government, without the payroll voucher or account of such pay and the certification of the

Director or his authorized agent that the persons named therein have been appointed and employed in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the rules, regulations and orders thereunder.

(a) Any sum paid contrary to any provision of this Act or of any rule, regulation or order thereunder may be recovered, in an action maintained by any citizen, from any officer who made, approved or authorized such payment or who signed or counter-signed a voucher, payroll, check or warrant for such payment, or from the sureties on the official bond of any such officer. All moneys recovered in any such action shall be paid into the Government Treasury. Any citizen may maintain a suit to restrain a disbursing officer from making any payment in contravention of any provision of this Act, or of any rule, regulation or order thereunder.

(c) Any person appointed or employed in contravention of any provision of this Act or any rule, regulation or order thereunder who performs service, for which he is not paid, may maintain an action against the officer or officers who purported to appoint or employ him to recover the agreed pay for such services, or the reasonable value thereof if no pay was agreed upon. No officer shall be reimbursed by the government at any time for any sum paid to such person on account of such services.

(d) If the Director wrongfully withhold certification of the payroll payable on account of any employee, such employee may maintain a proceeding to compel the Director to certify such payroll.

Section 25. The Director may recommend the employment of any regular employee if he considers that such employment will be profitable to the Government. He shall prepare a statement of the reasons therefor and file a copy of the same with the Director. The Director shall have

an opportunity to file with the department head a written statement regarding the dismissal, a copy of which shall be filed with the Director. The Director shall recommend to the appointing authority the action he deems desirable, and such dismissal shall become effective if approved by the appointing authority. A regular employee who is dismissed shall have the right of appeal to the Board provided under Section 26 of this Act. If the Board determines that the employee was dismissed for political, racial, religious or personal reasons it shall recommend that such employee be reinstated to his former position.

Appeals By Employees To the Board

Section 26. Any regular employee who is dismissed or demoted may appeal to the Board within thirty days after such action is taken. Upon such appeal, the department head whose action is being reviewed, the appealing employee, and the Governor or his authorized representative shall have the right to be heard publicly and to present evidence. At the hearing of such appeals technical rules of evidence shall not apply. In all cases the findings and recommendations of the Board shall be submitted to and considered by the Appointing Authority who shall make the final decision disposing of the appeal. Such decision shall not be reviewable by any Court. If such final decision is in favor of the employee the Governor shall reinstate him and approve the payment of any salary or wages lost by him. Any employee dismissed without prejudice shall be placed in an employment list.

Retention and Production of Records

Section 27. Every member of the Board shall have power to require the production of books and papers pertinent to any hearing authorized by the Board. Any person who shall fail to appear or to answer any question or to produce any books or papers pertinent to any hearing or testimony therein shall be guilty of the crime of perjury.

ment under this Act or furnish to any person any special or secret information for the purpose of affecting the rights or prospects of any person with respect to employment in the classified service.

Penalties

Section 31 (a). Any person who wilfully violates any provision of this Act or of the rules shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall upon conviction be punished by a fine not to exceed \$100 or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and such imprisonment.

(b) Any person who is convicted of a misdemeanor under this Act shall, for a period of five years, be ineligible for appointment to or employment in a position in the Government Service, and if he is an officer or employee of the Government shall forfeit his office or position.

Cost of Program

Section 32. All costs of administering the personnel program provided for by this Act shall be borne equally by the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John and the Municipality of St. Croix.

Separability

Section 33. If any provision of this Act or of any rule, regulation or order thereunder or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, the remainder of this Act and the application of any provision of this Act to any such rule, regulation or order, or to any person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby.

Repealed

Any laws, rules, regulations and ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Mr. [unclear] absent
Mr. [unclear] absent
Mr. Carroll yes

Mr. Harrigan yes
Mr. Hulley yes
Mr. Joseph yes

Mr. Spurning yes
 Mr. Fleming absent
 Mr. Hardie yes
 Mr. Gordon yes
 Mr. Harris yes

Mr. Neager yes
 Mr. Pakenbury absent
 Mr. Penning absent
 Mr. Phipps absent
 Mr. Sprague yes

Bill No. 3
 The Eleventh Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
 of the United States

Session 1946

Resolution

Authorizing the Governor of the Virgin Islands to take necessary steps for the establishment of a Unit of the National Guard of the Virgin Islands.

Whereas, Approximately twelve hundred Virgin Islanders were inducted into the Armed Forces during World War II and served creditably with the United States forces, thereby gaining experience and training in many branches of the service, and,

Whereas, It is the desire and aim of the people of the Virgin Islands to have established within the two Municipalities of the Virgin Islands a Unit of the National Guard, and,

Whereas, It is believed that a Unit of the National Guard established within the Virgin Islands will serve both the interests of the nation as a whole, as well as the Virgin Islands in that it will promote security, and welfare of the area, and that better protection and advanced.

Now, therefore, the Legislature of the Virgin Islands of the United States do hereby resolve that the Governor of the Virgin Islands be and he is authorized to take the necessary steps for the establishment of a Unit of the National Guard for the Virgin Islands.

Mr. Alexander yes
 Mr. Brainerd yes
 Mr. Carroll yes
 Mr. Spurning yes
 Mr. Fleming absent
 Mr. Gardiner yes
 Mr. Gordon yes
 Mr. Harris yes

Mr. Neager yes
 Mr. Pakenbury yes
 Mr. Penning yes
 Mr. Phipps absent
 Mr. Sprague yes
 Mr. Pakenbury absent
 Mr. Penning absent
 Mr. Phipps absent
 Mr. Sprague yes

Bill No. 4
The Eleventh Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

Session 1946

An Act

To Authorize the appointment of a Code Commission to formulate a uniform code of criminal laws.

Whereas, the Codes of Civil and Criminal Laws of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, and of the Municipality of St. Croix were enacted in 1921, and,

Whereas, there has been no compilation of these Codes with their numerous amendments between 1921 and the present date, and,

Whereas, the supply of printed copies of the Codes of Laws of the two municipalities has been exhausted, and,

Whereas, there is urgent need for the formulation of a uniform code of civil and criminal laws for the Virgin Islands:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby resolved, by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled, that the Governor of the Virgin Islands be and he is hereby authorized to appoint from the two municipalities a Code Commission for the purpose of formulating a uniform code of civil and criminal laws for the Virgin Islands of the United States. Members of the Code Commission shall serve without compensation but necessary expenses, including office expenses shall be defrayed. The expenses shall be shared by the municipalities of St. Thomas, St. John, and St. Croix.

Mr. Harrigan	yes
Mr. Healy	yes
Mr. Joseph	yes
Mr. Mason	yes
Mr. Parnell	absent
Mr. Rothery	absent
Mr. Rydman	yes
Mr. Sprague	absent

Bill No. 6
The Eleventh Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States
Session 1946

An Act to Provide Equal Rights in Places of Public Accommodation, Resort, or Amusement.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly
of the Virgin Islands in Session assembled.

Section 1. Definition. As used in this ordinance the term person shall mean individual, partnership, corporation, association, and department of the Municipal Government and the officers and employees thereof.

Section 2. All natural persons within the jurisdiction of the Virgin Islands shall be entitled to the full and equal accommodation, advantages, facilities, and privileges of any place of public accommodations, resort, or amusement, subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable alike to all persons. No person being the owner, manager, proprietor, lessee, superintendent, agent, or employee of any such place shall, directly or indirectly withhold from or deny to any person any of the accommodations, advantages, facilities or privileges thereof by reason of the race, creed, color, or national origin of such persons.

Section 3. Places of public accommodation; report, or announcement, within the meaning of this article, should be deemed to include, inns, taverns, roads, houses, running houses, hotels, whether conducted for the entertainment of transient guests, or for the accommodation of those seeking health, recreation, or rest, restaurants, eating places, where food is sold, buffets, saloons, where food or drink is served, where liquors, wines, or beer are sold, beauty parlors, barber shops, gardens, and places where public and private amusements are operated on land or water. No place shall be considered a place of accommodation, club or place of amusement, which is in its nature distinct from the public, so that any incorporated or unincorporated association of individuals holding no public license issued

by either the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John or the Municipality of St. Croix and using said license to sell alcoholic beverages or food products of any kind to any person other than the actual club members, shall not deny the sale of said alcoholic beverages or food products to any person on account of the race, creed, color, or national origin of said persons.

Section 4. Hereafter, on the first day of January 1947, and annually thereafter any incorporated or unincorporated association of individuals holding a club license shall file with the Government Secretary a copy of its by-laws including a list of all duly elected officers and members of the association.

Section 5. Any person, or any individual, partnership, corporation, or association who or which shall violate any of the provisions contained in this ordinance or who for which shall aid or incite the violation of any of said provisions shall for each and every violation thereof be liable to a penalty of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500) to be recovered by the person aggrieved thereby or by any resident of the Virgin Islands to whom such person shall assign his cause of action. And the manager or owner or employee or each officer of such agency, bureau, corporation, or association, as the case may be, shall also for every such offense be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or shall be imprisoned for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than ninety (90) days or shall suffer both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 6. The proprietor of any place covered by this ordinance shall not deny to any person the use of such place on account of race, creed, color, or national origin of said person, or on account of the opinion of the Governor or any official of the Government in relation to such person.

Mr. [illegible]	Mr. Harrison	yes
Mr. [illegible]	Mr. [illegible]	yes
Mr. [illegible]	Mr. [illegible]	yes
Mr. [illegible]	Mr. [illegible]	yes
Mr. [illegible]	Mr. [illegible]	absent
Mr. [illegible]	Mr. [illegible]	absent
Mr. [illegible]	Mr. [illegible]	yes
Mr. [illegible]	Mr. [illegible]	absent

Bill No. 7

The Eleventh Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

Session 1946

Law to Amend "Law Regarding the Practice of Medicine
and Its Allied Sciences in the Virgin Islands of
the United States," approved by the Governor
January 8, 1945.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly
of the Virgin Islands in session assembled:

Section 1. That Section 2 of "Law Regarding
the Practice of Medicine and its Allied
Sciences," approved by the Governor on January
8, 1945, be and is hereby amended to read as
follows:

"Section 2. Application for licenses shall be
sent to the Commissioner of Health and shall
be accompanied by satisfactory proof that
the applicant is twenty-one years of age or
over (birth certificate or similar evidence thereof,
is of good moral character as shown by at
least two letters of favorable character
testimony, is not addicted to intemperate
use of alcoholic stimulants or narcotic drugs,
and is a graduate of an accredited grade
"A" school of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy
or veterinary medicine or a grade "A" school
of any other system of treatment not other-
wise specifically provided for in this Act
and the entrance requirements of which are
the equivalent of a grade "A" medical school,
and in the case of medicine the applicant
must have satisfactorily completed at least
one year internship in a hospital recognized
by the American Medical Association, provided
however, that this section shall not operate
to exclude any bona fide research worker
whether an alien or a citizen who does not
practice for a fee and such workers shall
not be required to pay the renewal license
fee nor to submit to an examination, provided
further, that any person who has satisfactorily
practiced with or without fee in the pro-
fessions of dentistry, pharmacy or veterinary
medicine in the Virgin Islands for the past
three years or more immediately preceding the
approval of this act shall not be required
to be a graduate of an accredited grade "A"
school of dentistry, pharmacy or veterinary

medicine but, upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Health, shall have the right to receive, and the Governor of the Virgin Islands is hereby empowered to grant, a license to continue practice in this particular field, provided such person indicates by proper application and cooperate with the authorities this interest so to do, and pay the required license fees."

Section 2. That Section 3 of said Law is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 3. A Board of Medical Examiners shall be appointed annually by the Governor to investigate the credentials of any applicant, and if the credentials are found to be satisfactory, the applicant may be requested to appear in person, the Board and submit to an examination in such subjects of his profession or system of treatment as the Board deems advisable. Such Board shall be constituted as follows:

For the practice of medicine and surgery..... 3 M.D.
 For the practice of dentistry..... 1 M.D. + 2 D.D.S.
 For the practice of Nursing..... 5 Nurses
 For the practice of Pharmacy..... 1 Pharm. + 2 M.D.
 For the practice of Veterinary + medicine.. 1 Veterinarian + 2 M.D.

Two members of the Board shall constitute a quorum, one of whom may constitute a Supervisory Board with the consent of the applicant; provided that for the purpose of conducting examinations Veterinary Medicine, Veterinarian and Medical Doctor shall constitute a quorum. The Board may supplement itself by as many members of the profession for the practice of which a license is sought. In case of a vacancy on the Board, the Governor shall appoint a substitute.

the Board. who
Virgin Islands of

Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of June 1881.

1874. 1875.
1876. 1877.
1878. 1879.
1880. 1881.

Mr. [illegible]	yes
Mr. [illegible]	yes
Mr. [illegible]	yes
Mr. [illegible]	yes

Mr. Fleming	absent
Mr. Gardine	yes
Mr. Gordon	yes
Mr. Harris	yes

Mr. Paciorek	absent
Mr. Perlberg	absent
Mrs. Rhymet	yes
Mr. Sprauve	absent

Bill No. 8
The Eleventh Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States
Session 1946

Resolution Authorizing the Governor of the Virgin Islands to accept, on Behalf of the Virgin Islands Government active membership in the Caribbean Tourist Development Association as an original member of the Corporation.

Whereas, The Government of the Virgin Islands through its duly appointed delegate and advisor participated in the Caribbean Tourist Conference held in Brooklyn, N.Y., from October 1st through October 3, 1946, together with other government and territories located within the Caribbean area, and,

Whereas, The Conference having resolved itself into committee decided on October 2, 1946, that a regional tourist association was desirable and a motion was passed that the formation of such an association was practicable; and,

Whereas, The Committee reached an agreement to form an Association composed of active members representing the official organizations for the promotion of tourism, or the appropriate government agencies of the countries or territories in the Caribbean area; and -

Whereas, It is the policy of the Government that
the present and future of the people of the
State of Virginia, and the people of the
of Caribbean Sea, and the people of the
are now the subject of the Government, and
the Government of the State of Virginia, and
of the Virgin Islands, and the people of the
State of Virginia, and the people of the
the fiscal year 1948, and

Whereas the United States Government has been actively promoting the development of the Caribbean Islands, and the same has been the policy of the United States Government towards the development of the Caribbean Islands, and the industrial advances of the people of the United States.

Islands:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the United States in session assembled, that the Honorable William H. Hastie, Governor of the Virgin Islands be and he is hereby authorized to accept on behalf of the Virgin Islands Government, active membership in the Caribbean Tourist Development Association as an original member of the Corporation and it is further resolved, that the Honorable William H. Hastie, Governor of the Virgin Islands be and he is authorized to perform the necessary acts required by the Committee to qualify the Virgin Islands Government for active membership in the Caribbean Tourist Development Association;

It is Further Resolved, That the Municipal Councils of St. Thomas and St. John and St. Croix shall appropriate legislation authorize and appropriate the sum of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars to defray the cost of active membership of the Virgin Islands Government in Caribbean Tourist Development Association, in the ratio of seven thousand (\$7,000) dollars by the municipality of St. Thomas and St. John and three thousand (\$3,000) dollars by the municipality of St. Croix.

Mr. Alexander..... absent
 Mr. Brown..... absent
 Mr. Carroll..... yes
 Mr. Downing..... yes
 Mr. Fleming..... absent
 Mr. Giddens..... yes
 Mr. Gordon..... yes
 Mr. Harrison..... yes

Mr. Harrigan..... yes
 Mr. Hurley..... yes
 Mr. Joseph..... yes
 Mr. Meayer..... yes
 Mr. Parsonsky..... absent
 Mr. Penning..... absent
 Mr. Rhyns..... yes
 Mr. Sprance..... absent

Roll No. 9

Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
 of the United States

Government through its
 with the Federal
 of Title V of
 Islands.

Act... Social Security
 and... health service
 has been amended
 of the United States

Whereas, It is necessary to grant additional powers and duties to the Department of Health of the Virgin Islands in order to receive the benefits and provide for the administration thereof of said Title V of the Social Security Act:

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled:

Section 1. (a) The Department of Health of the Virgin Islands, in addition to its other powers and duties, is hereby authorized to establish and administer a program for promoting health services, including medical, dental and hospital care, of mothers, infants, preschool and school age children, which shall provide for developing, extending, and improving such services for mothers and children, supervise the administration of those services included in the program, which are not administered directly by it, provide such methods of administration, including those necessary to establish and maintain a merit system of personnel administration, as are necessary for the efficient operation of the plan, extend and improve local maternal and child health services throughout the islands, cooperate with medical, nursing and welfare groups and organizations, and develop demonstration service in needy areas and outlying groups in special need.

(b) To cooperate with the Federal Government through its appropriate agency or instrumentality in developing, extending, and improving such services and to receive and expend all funds made available to the Department of Health by the Federal Government, the transfer of funds to its political subdivisions or from other sources for such purposes.

Section 2. The Department of Health of the Virgin Islands is authorized to establish and administer a program for children who are physically handicapped, which shall provide for developing, extending, and improving such services for children, supervise the administration of those services included in the program, which are not administered directly by it, provide such methods of administration, including those necessary to establish and maintain a merit system of personnel administration, as are necessary for the efficient operation of the plan, extend and improve local maternal and child health services throughout the islands, cooperate with medical, nursing and welfare groups and organizations, and develop demonstration service in needy areas and outlying groups in special need.

provide such methods of administration, including those necessary to establish and maintain a merit system of personnel administration, as are necessary for the efficient operation of the plan, extend and improve any such services, including those in existence on the effective date of this Act, cooperate with medical, health, nursing, and welfare groups and organizations, and with any agency of the Federal Government charged with the administration of laws providing for vocational rehabilitation of physically handicapped children.

(b) To cooperate with the Federal Government, through its appropriate agency or instrumentality, in developing, extending, and improving such services, and receive and expend all funds made available to the Department of the Federal Government, the Insular Government or its political subdivisions, or from other sources, for such purposes.

Mr. Alexander	absent
Mr. Brown	absent
Mr. Carroll	yes
Mr. Downing	yes
Mr. Fleming	absent
Mr. Gardner	yes
Mr. Gordon	yes
Mr. Harris	yes

Mr. Harrigan	yes
Mr. Hurley	yes
Mr. Joseph	yes
Mr. Neayer	yes
Mr. Palewansky	absent
Mr. Pennington	absent
Mr. Rhymer	yes
Mr. Sprague	absent

Bill No. 10
The Eleventh Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

Session 1946

Resolution regarding the Restoration of the Soil Conservation Service under the Farm Security Administration of the Department of Agriculture.

Whereas the development of the Virgin Islands is a check by the Farm Security Administration of the United States, and

Whereas the Virgin Islands are in need of rehabilitation and development of sufficient farms, for well-being and educational programs,

Whereas, The Farm Security Administration of the United States Department of Agriculture has in the past conducted a homesteading project, and a rural rehabilitation loan program, which have aided the people of the Virgin Islands in the prosecution of a program of farm and agricultural development; and

Whereas, The Soil Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture has in the past conducted a successful program of water conservation on the Island of St. Croix, and had recently commenced operations on the Islands of St. Thomas and St. John; and

Whereas, The activities of both of these Federal agencies has been suspended by operation of federal statutes:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby resolved, by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled, that the Congress of the United States be and it is hereby petitioned to enact appropriate legislation for the restoration of the activities of the Farm Security Administration and the Soil Conservation Service in the Virgin Islands;

And Be It Resolved, that the Governor is hereby authorized to forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

Mr. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mr. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mr. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mr. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mr. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mr. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mr. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mr. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mr. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

The [illegible]

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Bill No 11

Resolution Expressing the Appreciation of the People
of the Virgin Islands for the Services Rendered by
the Office of Price Administration.

Whereas, During the years 1942 to 1946 the Office of Price Administration was established in the Virgin Islands and, as in the United States, its Territories and other Island Possessions, worked assiduously in the equitable rationing of scarce commodities and the impartial control of all prices for the benefit of both the merchants and the consumers of the community; and,

Whereas, This program has been of considerable benefit to the people of the Virgin Islands;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled, that said body hereby expresses for and on behalf of the people of the Virgin Islands, its deep appreciation of the splendid work done by the Office of Price Administration in the Virgin Islands during the past four years; and,

Be It Further Resolved, that this Resolution be forwarded to the Office of Price Administration Washington, D. C., and copies thereof be transmitted to the Office of Price Administration of the Virgin Islands and to the Governor of the Virgin Islands.

Mr. Alexander..... absent

Mr. Grant..... absent

Mr. Corbett..... yes

Mr. [unclear]..... yes

Mr. [unclear]..... absent

Mr. [unclear]..... yes

Mr. [unclear]..... yes

Mr. [unclear]..... absent

Mr. Harrigan..... yes

Mr. Gullery..... yes

Mr. Joseph..... yes

Mr. Neeson..... yes

Mr. Pilevinsky..... absent

Mr. Penhony..... absent

Mr. Rhymen..... yes

Mr. Splaine..... absent

Office of the Virgin Islands

Office of the Second West
Indian Commission

to Indian Conference

the Anglo American Commission, was held at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands of the United States from February 21, to March 14, 1946; and,

Whereas, It is thought fitting and proper that the Legislative Assembly should give its stamp of approval to the report of the conference which, if implemented, can be of considerable social, industrial and economic benefit to the people of the Virgin Islands:

Now Be It Ordained It is Hereby Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the United States in session assembled: That said body hereby records its full approval and acceptance of the report of the Second West Indian Conference of the Caribbean Commission and expresses its willingness to cooperate fully wherever possible toward the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable the Co-Chairman of the West Indian Conference and the Governor of the Virgin Islands.

The Assembly, after brief speeches of good wishes were made by various members, adjourned its 1946 Session at 11:30 a. m.

R.P.G. Chairman

Secretary C.K.D.

Session 1947

Proceedings

The Twelfth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

First Session 1947

The 1947 Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, which was convened by the Governor for Monday, May 5, 1947, at 11:00 o'clock, was duly called to order by the Acting Chairman, Roy P. Gordon, on Monday, May 5, 1947 at 12:00 o'clock, p. m.

Present were the following members of the Assembly:

Benjamin, Joseph
Brown, Omar
Christian, De Castro James
Downing, Carlos A.
Gordon, Roy P.
Harrison, Edwin E.
Harris, Oswald E.

Hodge, Louis E.
Hodge, Walter
James, Aloisius A.
Moorhead, Alexander
Otley, Earl B.
Sprague, Julius E.

The Proclamation of the Governor conveying the Session was duly read by the Acting Secretary, Carlos A. Downing.

Proper credentials were handed in by the respective Chairmen of the Councils of St. Thomas and St. John and of St. Cruz showing that the following members were duly elected to the corresponding Councils:

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Briddhurst, Robert	2nd Member Christiansted Town District
Brown, Omar	1st " At Large, St. Thomas
Christian, James De Castro	1st " Christiansted Town District
Downing, Carlos A.	2nd " At Large, St. Thomas
Gordon, Roy P.	1st " Country District St. Thomas
Harrison, Edwin E.	Member at Large, St. Cruz
Harris, Oswald E.	1st " Town District, St. Thomas
	2nd " Country District, St. Thomas
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The Governor was notified that the Assembly was duly organized and ready to receive his message. He accordingly appeared and delivered the annual executive message to the Legislative Assembly which reads as follows:

Message of the Governor to the Legislative Assembly, May 5, 1947

This is the second session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands within six months. This session was called both because we have matters of importance requiring early consideration and because it has seemed wise to change the time of the annual meeting of the Legislative Assembly to the early months of the year. Meetings in the latter part of the year will often conflict with political campaigns. Meetings early in the year will not only avoid this difficulty but also will give each newly-elected legislator an opportunity to consider public business within a short time after assuming office. It is my hope that by 1948 we can establish a regular time for the annual session of the Legislative Assembly in February or March, with such occasional special sessions as may be required.

There are before you a number of matters which were considered but not acted upon during the last session. These matters are familiar to about half of the members but are new to the others who are sitting for the first time in the Legislative Assembly. In these circumstances it seems appropriate to repeat in substance certain thoughts which were expressed to the Assembly at its 1947 session.

The proposed amendments to the Electoral Law are again before you. They include a clear definition of residence in the Virgin Islands for purposes of voting, a simplified system of registration, and a number of other changes. It is my attempt to make more uniform the various laws required in connection with the election of members of the Assembly. The use of a uniform system of election is essential for the proper functioning of the Assembly.

There have been many suggestions for the improvement of the Assembly. Some of these suggestions have been adopted and some are being considered. It is my hope that the Assembly will continue to improve itself and that the people of the Virgin Islands will be satisfied with the results of its work.

election in St. Croix in the hope that some such method may be devised at this session, thus saving expense. I do wish to suggest that any plan for special elections include a provision which will make it permissible to leave a seat vacant if the new member would have less than six months to serve before the next regular election.

The principle of a Building and Zoning Code, Item No. 4 on the agenda, was informally approved by the members at the last session of the Assembly. However, it was felt that the measure then under consideration was too complex. A simplified draft has now been prepared. So much building is now under construction or in prospect in the Virgin Islands that the enactment of such a code at this session is in my judgment very important.

My views on a uniform method of appointment to all Boards and Commissions by the Governor but with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly or the appropriate Municipal Council are well-known to you. The basic issue is the legality or illegality of our present procedure in those cases where members of Boards or Commissions are elected by a legislative body. I am again asking that this matter be considered.

A reconsideration of the Full Employment Bill was placed on the agenda of the last session at the request of certain members. It is placed on the agenda again merely to call attention to the fact that the Administration has no persons to carry out the studies and assemble the information on our economic condition which this requires. It is a job which cannot be done without adding at least one additional administrative officer to the staff of the Governor or the Government. It is a fortunate chance, however, that we have had the beginning on this work. The first step was taken. It came to my attention that Mr. Bartlett, the former Planning Commission member, was now in the public service. I am a delegate to the United Nations and I am now in the Virgin Islands. I am now assigned to the 1940-41 session of the United Nations.

for the Virgin Islands" by John M. Carynady, which ultimately led to the present ten million dollar public-works program. Because of his interest in the islands, Mr. Bartlett has agreed to attempt before the end of June to bring his original study up to date and to do preliminary work in assembling data which the full Employment Bill contemplates. He understands that we cannot provide adequate compensation for this important work, but I have undertaken to provide for him a small honorarium out of our contingent funds.

In connection with Item 13 on the agenda, I wish to bring to the attention of the Assembly that pursuant to legislation passed last December, I have regularized the members of the bar believe that the undertaking is such a large one as to require the employment of at least one salaried person with volunteer assistance from the members of the bar. It is also thought that the undertaking may require as much as two years. You may wish to consider whether we are in financial position to proceed with this enterprise at the present time.

A number of new measures have been proposed to make particular activities territorial for the entire Virgin Islands rather than independently local in each Municipality. Items 1 and 18, the organization of a new Department of Public Safety and Education, and Item 13, the proposed establishment of a Virgin Islands Lottery, are of this character. The same category are the proposals in Item 10 to provide a uniform sanitary code, Item 11 to provide uniform regulations of government-owned enterprises, and Item 17 with reference to business fees and taxes. This last measure of business fees and taxes requires such amendments to the existing law as to require the signature of the Governor to the laws. The Assembly has already passed Item 13, and is now considering Item 10. The next program of the Assembly is to consider Item 11. It is hoped that at this time the Assembly will be able to pass Item 10.

Minor amendments are proposed for Item 10. It is hoped that the time at hand will be

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necessary because delay in providing funds has postponed the setting up of the merit system. It is now intended that the various parts of the law shall become effective as rapidly as the necessary preliminary work can be accomplished by the Division of Personnel and duly approved.

In this connection I shall send to the present session of the assembly the nomination of a Director of Personnel and a Secretary in the Division of Personnel. I also plan to send to the respective Municipal Councils the nomination of two persons to be members of the Board of Personnel from St. Croix and St. Thomas respectively.

Brief comments seem in order with reference to certain other proposals. I seriously doubt the wisdom and even the legality of Item 18, the proposal to require prayer for peace in our public schools. One of the things most carefully avoided under the American flag is any compulsion in religious matters. All of us may agree that prayer for peace in schools, in homes, in churches and other places is desirable. But to begin compulsion or to require uniformity in one religious matter is to open the door for other regulations in this area. I believe it is undesirable for the legislature or the executive to enter this field at all.

Item No. 10 concerns the establishment of the Office of Auditor for the Virgin Islands. This officer would audit the financial records and transactions of every executive department and agency throughout the Virgin Islands. I find that no adequate auditing of our accounts has been accomplished for a long time. Unfortunately some irregularities have come to light in recent months. These incidents have convinced me of the need for an auditor. It is my belief that the examination of our accounts is a matter of great importance and this is an added expense.

I have no comments on other items of the agenda, except to say that they are in a great measure self-explanatory.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
L. J. [Signature]

and energies may be devoted primarily to those items. Both Municipal Councils have difficult budget problems which along with other matters require their consideration in the very near future. The Municipal Committee in St. Thomas has already begun budget hearings. In these circumstances I hope that ten days or at the most two weeks will suffice for the present session of the Legislative Assembly. The members of my staff are at your service to render any assistance you may request. We have already undertaken to assist by preparing for distribution mimeographed copies of English drafts of a large number of proposals which appear on the agenda.

When I appeared before the 1946 session of the Legislative Assembly, I expressed my confidence that the Community would benefit substantially from the deliberations of the Assembly. That confidence was not misplaced. I am equally confident that constructive and progressive legislation will result from the present session.

Brief comments on the Governor's message were made by Member Carlos A. Dawson and the Chairman, after which the Governor withdrew with his assistants.

The Assembly then proceeded to read all the correspondence that had come before it since its last session.

First reading of all the measures proposed by the Assembly and a free discussion on the contents thereof was presented with and the bills questions with the exception of Bill No. 5, were sent to the Committee of 11 for study in accordance with the Rules of Business.

Bill No. 5 - Bill to amend the law method of appointment of members of the Legislative Assembly. This Bill was introduced by Mr. A. J. ... and was referred to the Committee of 11 for study.

It was then the business of the Assembly to give notice of the Bill to be introduced.

Mr. ... to be introduced.

Motions were adopted stipulating that appointments coming before the Assembly be acted upon immediately after the reading of the bills, and all confirmation shall require a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote of the members present and voting.

The Assembly gave its consent to the appointment of Mr. U. James, but, after a lengthy deliberation, refused to give its consent by the required $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote to the appointment of Mrs. Moran.

The Assembly deliberated on the measures in the Committee of the Whole until Tuesday, May 20, 1947, and decided to reconvene at 2:00 p.m. on said date to consider for final action the reports of the Committee of the Whole.

The Assembly accordingly reconvened in public session on Tuesday, May 20, 1947, at 2:00 p.m., with the proposed Order of Business for consideration, including 16 bills reported out of the Committee of the Whole and ready for passage. At this time, communications which were received by the Assembly from the Executive during Committee deliberations were read. These communications indicated the Governor's reaction to the refusal of the Assembly to confirm the Executive appointments of Mrs. Amy Moran to be Clerk-Stenographer in the Division of Personnel. Members of both Councils took strong objection to the Governor's terming of the action of members in dealing with this confirmation as that of a evilful minority and also to the Governor's attempt of the Rules of Business as other legislative action on which the Assembly decided that a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote was necessary for the confirmation.

Conflicting opinions also arose on the method of amending the Rules of Business. It was argued that the Assembly should have the right to amend the Rules of Business when reconvened. The Chair decided in favor of the measure proposed and agreed upon.

The Assembly then adjourned until 1948, decided which was passed by vote of 1 to 0.

The Chairman therefore declared the 1947
session of the Legislative Assembly duly adjourned
at 4:30 p. m.

(Tuesday, May 20, 1947)

L. F. H. Chairman

Secretary

VV. H.

Proceedings
of the Thirteenth Legislative Assembly of the U. S. United States.
1948 Session

The 13th Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands convened by the Governor to commence on April 19, 1948, was called to order by the Chairman, Ludwig E. Harrigan, pursuant to call on Monday, April 19, 1948, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

Present were the following members:

Brookhurst, Camille
Benjamin, Joseph
Christian, De Castro James
Downing, Carlos A.
Gordon, Ray P.
Harrigan, Ludwig E.

Hodge, Louis E.
Hodge, Walter
James, Aloysius A.
Moorehead, Alexander
Neager, Rembert
Otley, Charles B.

Sprague, Julius.

The Chairmen of the respective Councils presented orally for the record the necessary credentials verifying memberships of said Councils.

The House proceeded to the election of officers, Honorable Roy P. Gordon was elected Chairman by the following vote:

13 ballots cast,

Mr. Gordon, received 10 votes.

Mr. Harris received

1 Spoiled
1 Glance

After drinking the members for the trust and confidence repaired in his firm. Windsor took the seat.

Mrs. J. H. H. H. was elected Vice-Chair
by the following vote:

2/10/1912 - 10/10/1912 received 12 notes
11/10/1912 - 12/10/1912 " 1 note

" / note

On _____, _____ Secretary by the following

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The proposed referendum would also allow the people to show by their vote whether they wish to elect their own governor. The selection of their chief executive is regarded in all of the states as one of the highest prerogatives of the people. In all of the territories the governors are now appointed by the President. However, in November of this year the people of Puerto Rico for the first will elect their governor. Thus, this seems an appropriate time to determine the views of the people of the Virgin Islands on this issue.

There has been some suggestion that the proposed referendum questions on these issues should be tied in with or conditioned by the return of the taxes on Virgin Islands liquor. The issues are entirely separate. Measures of unification and simplification of government can be carried out without adding one penny to our public expenses. Of course, we need more money very badly. But no more money is required to carry out any of the steps proposed in the referendum.

I mention this particularly because I am informed certain members have opposed the establishment of a single police force in the Virgin Islands, fearing that it would cost more money. Quite to the contrary. I call to your attention that as early as 1943 the Legislative Assembly created a single Department of Social Welfare and that the work of that important agency of government has been so established and organized for five years. I hope that time is not far distant when the Legislative Assembly will set up all departments on a similar territorial basis.

In last year's message to the Assembly I stressed the importance of creating the Office of Auditor for the Virgin Islands. It is now necessary to have a building code and a sanitation code. The need is very great then. It is a matter of common sense that on such occasions decisions should be made by the Assembly. The need for a single police force would improve our administration and reduce the cost of its administration. It is a matter of common sense that before the Assembly of the Virgin Islands is so familiar with the financial situation of the territory that it can make a proper and informed decision on this issue.

all the financial situation of the territory is a matter of common sense. The time will come when the people will be able to make a proper and informed decision on this issue. It is a matter of common sense that before the Assembly of the Virgin Islands is so familiar with the financial situation of the territory that it can make a proper and informed decision on this issue.

True that the Assembly can legislate to raise revenue by uniform tax laws. You already know that I strongly favor such uniformity. If the members desire to take action in this field, I will be glad to amend the agenda to permit such action.

There is one unhappy aspect of our financial difficulties which I will mention. The necessity for reducing both Municipal and Central Administration expenses has become so great that I have been constrained to attempt to eliminate all official entertaining for the remainder of this fiscal year, except in the case of essential courtesy to official guests who come from outside of islands. The members of the Assembly will, I am sure, understand if in the interest of economy we forego the usual official entertainment of the Assembly by the Governor.

For similar reasons I have kept the agenda of this session short, eliminating all highly controversial matters with the hope that this session can be relatively short and that the cost and expenses of the session will be as small as is consistent with the consideration and disposition of important business.

Mr. Chairman, I associate the privilege of addressing the Legislative Assembly today. May I congratulate the new Governors and the new officers of the Assembly upon their election to preside over and administer the work of this body for the coming year. I wish to express a congratulatory, however, from my personal friends.

The Assembly will convene on the first read and discussion of the various subjects of the measures upon which the Assembly is now engaged concerning the various subjects of the Assembly.

The High Commissioner of the Hawaiian Islands.

By the Honorable Governor of the Hawaiian Islands.

Respectfully,
Honorable Governor of the Hawaiian Islands.

M. S. L.

Islands of the United States, by virtue of the power in me vested by Section 1 of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands of the United States, approved June 22, 1936, do hereby convene a session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands to be held at the Municipal Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, at 11:00 a.m., Monday, April 19, 1948, for consideration of the following subject matter.

- 1) A Bill to Provide for a Referendum on Certain Amendments to the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands. (Hon. Reuben Meyer and Hon. Roy C. Gordon.)
- 2) An Act to Establish the Office of Virgin Islands Auditor, (Hon. James de Castro Christian and Hon. Louis E. Hodge.)
- 3) An Act to Establish a Building Code for the Virgin Islands. (Hon. Ludwig C. Harrison, Hon. Louis E. Hodge and Hon. Julius Sprauve.)
- 4) An Act to Provide a Uniform Sanitary Code. (Hon. Camille A. Broadhurst. Hon. Carl B. Utley.)
- 5) An Act to Enable the Virgin Islands Government through its Department of Health, to Cooperate with the Federal Government in extending the benefits of U.S. Public Health Service acts to the Virgin Islands. (Hon. Joseph Benjamin and Hon. Carl B. Utley.)
- 6) An Act to Amend the Statute Law. (Hon. Camille A. Broadhurst and Hon. Roy C. Gordon.)
- 7) A Bill to Amend the Government of a Commonwealth of the Virgin Islands, and to amend the Constitution of the Virgin Islands, and to amend the recommendations thereon. (Hon. Carl B. Utley.)

Witness

by the order of the Governor

April 19, 1948

The amendment to the Proclamation of April 16, 1948, authorized consideration of the following addition to the agenda:

- 10) An Act to Provide for the proper dispatch of the work of the Legislative Assembly. (Hon. Carlos A. Pearson.)

The Assembly on April 21, 1948, suspended its regular procedure briefly to introduce, consider and adopt the following Resolution due to the critical financial situation of the Virgin Islands occasioned by the tabling by the War House and Means Committee of Bill No. 5996, to return to the Virgin Islands the Internal Revenue Taxes on Virgin Islands exports to the United States.

This Bill was adopted in the form and by the vote indicated:

Resolution

The Thirtieth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the United States

1948 Session

Declaring the existence of a state of emergency in the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States of America due to inability to maintain its institutions in their normal functioning.

Whereas, a state of emergency exists in the Virgin Islands of the United States of America, despite the fact that the Government of the Virgin Islands have been trying to maintain in support of their Government, and

Whereas, the Government of the Virgin Islands with the solution of the problem of the Virgin Islands is dependent upon the United States of America, and some part of the Government of the Virgin Islands is the United States of America, and

Whereas, the Government of the Virgin Islands is dependent upon the United States of America, and

Whereas, the Government of the Virgin Islands is dependent upon the United States of America, and

necessary articles of maintenance and equipment, and salaries are already far below standard; and,

Whereas, To further cut expenses will seriously affect the operation of our Government; and,

Whereas, The Public Administration Service of Chicago, Illinois, which was authorized to make a complete survey of the finances of the Government of the Virgin Islands in 1947, reported that the Government of the Virgin Islands could not carry on the basic functions of the public service unless it received financial assistance from the Congress of the United States, and other Congressional investigators, including the Public Lands Committee, have reported similarly to the Congress:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby by the Legislative Assembly by the Virgin Islands in session assembled, That said Body hereby petitions the Congress of the United States in session assembled, To grant such amounts as are necessary to balance the budget of the Virgin Islands, which sums total approximately half a million dollars; and,

Be It Further Resolved, and it is hereby further resolved, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman and members of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and House, the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the Division of Territories and Island Possessions and the Governor of the Virgin Islands.

Mr. [illegible]	Yes
Mr. [illegible]	"
Mr. [illegible]	"
Mr. [illegible]	Abstained
Mr. [illegible]	Yes
Mr. [illegible]	"
Mr. [illegible]	Abstained
Mr. [illegible]	Yes

On Monday, April 2, 1948, the Assembly met in session at 10:00 a.m. and the following business was transacted:

On Monday, April 2, 1948, the Assembly conferred with the Committee of the Council

of Commerce of St. Thomas and the Chamber of Commerce of St. Croix and the Governor of the I. V. on the matter of the critical financial condition of the Virgin Islands with the view to arriving at the best possible solution. Due to the lack of funds to finance the activities of a delegation from the Islands to forward this matter, it was decided to let the Governor and the Department of the Interior institute and expedite it as long as it did not hit a snag in Washington, but if this happened, that efforts should be made immediately to dispatch a delegation comprising of legislators and business-men to assist the Department of the Interior in its efforts to receive the needed funds.

Reconvened on Wednesday April 28, 1948, at 7:00 p. m.

The Assembly on April 28, 1948, at 7:00 p. m. reconvened in formal session to give consideration to two matters Resolution Petitioning the Senate Judiciary Committee to report out for favorable consideration of the Senate the Reappointment of Honorable Herman E. Moore as Judge of the District Court of the Virgin Islands for the third term was unanimously adopted. The Resolution reads as follows:

Resolution
The Thirteenth Legislative Assembly, of the Virgin Islands
of The United States
1948 session

From the People of the Virgin Islands of the United States Petitioning the Senate Judiciary Committee to take favorable action on the Reappointment of Honorable Herman E. Moore as Judge of the District Court of the Virgin Islands.

Whereas,
The United States
Honorable E. Moore
for another term
the Virgin Islands

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Moore as the head of the Judicial Branch of the Government of these islands. The People from all groups of the population of the Virgin Islands look to the Courts of the Virgin Islands with the highest esteem, respect and confidence; and,

Whereas, The American Bar Association, after its investigation at the request of the Senate Judiciary Committee, reported an unqualified endorsement of Judge Moore and recommended his confirmation on behalf of the American Bar Association; and,

Whereas, The Virgin Islands Bar Association unanimously endorsed and recommended confirmation of Judge Moore's appointment in its Resolution sent to the Senate Judiciary Committee; and,

Whereas, Judge Moore's strong stand for constitutional government, his firm belief in the orderly administration of the laws, and his fairness and justice to all have inspired the People here to cherish more highly their American citizenship and the American way of life, to the exclusion of any and all foreign ideologies; and,

Whereas, Judge Moore has shown himself to be eminently worthy of the confidence which the great Government of the Nation has reposed in him during the past nine years, and favorable action by the Senate Judiciary Committee for his continued service will meet with the greatest satisfaction of the People of the Virgin Islands;

Now, therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby Resolved, by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, which is the duly elected representative body of the People of the Virgin Islands, in solemn session, that said body hereby unqualifiedly endorses Judge Moore for confirmation and so hereby recommends to the Honorable, the Senate Judiciary Committee of the United States Senate, to grant favorable action to the recommendation of Judge Moore as Judge of the District Court of the Virgin Islands.

Resolved, that the Secretary of the Legislative Assembly be and he is hereby authorized to forward to the Honorable the Senate Judiciary Committee of the United States Senate, a copy of this Resolution and to each of the Honorable Members of that Committee a copy of the same.

Resolved, that the Secretary of the Legislative Assembly be and he is hereby authorized to inform the Honorable the Senate Judiciary Committee of the United States Senate, of the action of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, in this matter.

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that he persuaded Mr. Laker in his appearance before the Ways and Means Committee to assert that Congress had no legal right to permit the Islands to have the unrestricted use of any portion of these funds."

The Assembly feeling that no publicity should have been given this information as coming from Mr. Canady passed the following motion of censure of Mr. Otley by the vote indicated:

"It is moved that member Earl B. Otley be censured by the Assembly for malfeasance in office resulting from his publication in a public newspaper, namely, the Photo News of April 27, 1945, a matter of confidence concerning the return of the Internal Revenue Loans, and revealing the name of the friend of the Virgin Islands who conveyed this information confidentially to the Assembly, which act of Congressman Earl B. Otley is detrimental to the general welfare of the people of the Virgin Islands and directly jeopardized the trustworthiness of the person who, in good faith and confidence, informed the Assembly of the names of the members of the Ways and Means Committee who directly blockaded action on the return of the Internal Revenue Loans with the members in which it was done in a secret meeting."

Mr. Brown yes
Mr. Braden absent
Mr. Benjamin yes
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The Order of the Day covering measures other than the two previously passed, which were reported out of the Committee of the Whole, was prepared and, in accordance with the Rules of Business, transmitted to the Press for publication together with the information that the Assembly would reconvene in formal session on Monday, May 3, 1948, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

These publications were accordingly made in the public papers prior to the reconvening of the Assembly.

Reconvened on Monday, May 3, 1948, at 10:00 a.m.

On Monday, May 3, 1948, at 10:00 a.m., the Assembly reconvened in accordance with the publication above mentioned.

The assembly worked continuously from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. during which time it gave consideration to all the measures appearing on the Order of the Day.

Resolutions providing for a Delegation of two businessmen and one member of the Assembly to proceed to Washington to work for the alleviation of the financial difficulty of the municipalities, and Resolution concerning Harry S. Taylor of St. Croix were placed on the Order of the Day as Items 13 and 14.

Item 4, Call No. 4, An Act to Provide a Uniform Sanitary Code, sponsored by member Brinkhurst and others was dropped from the Order of the Day with the recommendation that it be considered by the proper Councils of each municipality.

Item 14, concerning Harry S. Taylor, Administrator of the St. Croix River, was reported by the following:

Mr. Hedges	abstained
Mr. Hedges, W.	Ways
Mr. Jones	abstained
Mr. Rockwood	Yes
Mr. Rogers	Ways
Mr. Sullivan	Ways
Mr. Tamm	abstained
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Mr. Harry E. Taylor as Administrator for St. Croix

Whereas, For years the people of St. Croix, Virgin Islands have harboured a deep seated and resentful attitude towards the Administration of Government by Mr. Harry E. Taylor, Administrator for St. Croix, and although no outward manifestation of this is evident on the surface to the transient visitor to that island because of economic reprisals as practiced by Mr. Harry E. Taylor against any one who disagrees with his policies and methods of running the Government of which actual cases can be cited; and,

Whereas, We do know and can prove to any impartial observer that Mr. Harry E. Taylor has imposed a Gestapo system of information for his purposes by the use of top Government Officials in his administration who are plain stooges for the Administrator and who spend most of their working time carrying news and information to Mr. Taylor's office against any one who may disagree with him; and,

Whereas, The incident which took place in St. Croix in regard to the Beatty case was not caused by the incident itself, but grew out of the feeling of frustration of the people of St. Croix over a period of years that they would never be given justice under certain circumstances; and,

Whereas, The records of the Army and of the office of Price Administration will prove that Mr. Harry Taylor has opposed vigorously any increase in pay to natives through their organization in the substantial support of employees in local government; and,

Whereas, Mr. Taylor has no right to Continent visitors to the island that he should have no justification for us and for the nation of the Internal Revenue; and,

Whereas, It is the duty of the people of St. Croix to have definite proof that the Government is not a controlled concept in the hands of a few men who are not the best interest of the people of St. Croix, and although there are liberal tendencies where they are frowned on.

Whereas, Mr. Harry Taylor has never allowed a single decision to be made freely by a department head in St. Croix unless said official had his prior approval; and,

Whereas, This action by Mr. Harry Taylor has caused undue bungling of the Administrative Branch of the government in St. Croix; and,

Whereas, The people of St. Croix take this medium of expression to request the Secretary of the Interior that Mr. Harry E. Taylor be removed from the position of Administrator for St. Croix:

Now, therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled, that for the good of the Virgin Islands generally, and for the best interest of the Democratic process of Government in the Virgin Islands in particular that the Secretary of the Interior remove Mr. Harry E. Taylor from the office of Administrator for St. Croix; and,

Be It Further Resolved and it is hereby further Resolved, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of the Division of Territories and Island Possessions, the Governor of the Virgin Islands, and Mr. Harry E. Taylor, present Administrator for St. Croix.

The following minutes, reported out of Committee of the whole for action on second reading, were read, and adopted, as appears below:

Bill for the purpose of providing for a Reformation of the Government of the Virgin Islands Act of the

for the Appointment of Educational System of the Virgin Islands, and

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to Cooperate with the Federal Government
in Extending the Benefits of U. S. Public
Health Service Acts to the Virgin Islands.

Mr. Brown	yes	Mr. Hodge L.	yes
Mr. Brodkurst	"	Mr. Hodge, W.	"
Mr. Benjamin	"	Mr. James	"
Mr. Christian	"	Mr. Moorhead	"
Mr. Downing	"	Mr. Neager	"
Mr. Gordon	"	Mr. Otley	"
Mr. Harris	"	Mr. Robinson	absent
Mr. Harrigan	"	Mr. Sprauve	yes

Bill No. 1

The Thirteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

1948 Session

A Bill to Provide for a Referendum on Certain
Amendments to the Organic Act of the Virgin
Islands.

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Whereas, The Legislative Assembly of the Virgin
Islands is aware of the great interest that is
being shown by the People of the Virgin Islands
and by responsible officials and bodies in Washington
and elsewhere in a revision of the Organic Act of the
Virgin Islands; and

Whereas, The People of the Virgin Islands are
giving increasing thought to the many basic re-
forms which may be incorporated in a revision
of the Organic Act; and

Whereas, The People of the Virgin Islands will
want their views to be taken into consideration
by the President in the matter
of revision of the Organic Act;

Now, Therefore, the People of the Virgin Islands will
want their views to be taken into consideration
by the President in the matter
of revision of the Organic Act;

Be It Enacted by the People of the Virgin Islands
that the following amendments to the Organic Act of the
Virgin Islands be referred to the People of the Virgin Islands
for their consideration and approval:

Section 1. That the following amendments to the
Organic Act of the Virgin Islands be referred to the
People of the Virgin Islands for their consideration and
approval:

1. That the President

2. That the President
3. That the President

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4. Do you favor two separate municipal treasuries for the Virgin Islands?
5. Do you favor the election of the Governor by the people of the Virgin Islands?
6. Do you favor a Resident Commissioner from the Virgin Islands in the Congress of the United States?

Section 2. The Chairman of the Election Board in each municipality shall prepare and have printed an official ballot which shall contain the above questions followed in each case by the word "Yes" and "No", provided that the said ballot shall be separate and distinct from any other ballot used in the said general elections. In all other respects and insofar as practicable the said official ballot shall be prepared and used in the general elections in accordance with the provisions of the Electoral Law for the Virgin Islands of the United States.

Section 3. The manner of voting upon the questions submitted to the voters shall be the same as is now or may be required and provided by law; provided that voting on the questions shall be conducted in a voting booth separate from that in which the voters shall vote for candidates at the general election. The votes on the questions submitted shall be counted, canvassed and returned by the regular Election Board. Clerks and officers in the same manner as votes for candidates are counted, canvassed and returned.

Section 4(a). The votes for candidates for office shall be determined and made public before the votes on the referendum.

(b) The Chairman of each Election Board shall proceed within fifteen days after the determination or canvass by the Election Board to notify the Governor in writing as to the outcome of the election and the results of the referendum. A proclamation, giving numbers of votes cast for and against each question, shall be issued by the Governor of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate.

The Chairman of the Election Board shall also submit a report to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Territories and to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior. The report shall be accompanied by all the returns and shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Department of the Interior to the President of the United States. The President shall be authorized to make such proclamation as he may deem proper and to take such action as he may deem proper in connection with the referendum.

Bill No. 2
The Thirtieth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States
1948 Session

Bill to Provide for the Appointment of a Committee to Study the Educational System and School Law of the Virgin Islands, and to Submit a Report with Recommendations Thereon.

Whereas, The Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands recognizes the desirability of expanding the curriculum of the Virgin Islands Educational System to make public education more attractive and to make it serve the needs of the community; and,

Whereas, There is increasing demand in the Virgin Islands for providing opportunities for higher education to all qualified citizens in the Virgin Islands; and

Whereas, The Legislative Assembly is aware of its responsibility to provide the educational facilities which are desired by the People of the Virgin Islands; and

Whereas, Revision of the Virgin Islands Educational System merits serious study before such proposals can be accepted or rejected;

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled:

Section 1. There is hereby created a Committee to be known as the Committee on Education for the Virgin Islands, the purpose of which shall be to undertake a thorough investigation and study of all aspects of the educational system and the School Law of the Virgin Islands to collect information as to the condition and progress of education in the Virgin Islands, and to submit a report with recommendations as to the improvement of public and development thereof to the Legislative Assembly. The Municipal Councils and the Municipalities shall be requested to furnish information and assistance to the Committee.

Section 2. The Committee shall consist of as members of the Legislative Assembly, and five other persons, to be appointed by the Legislative Assembly from among the residents of the Virgin Islands, with the advice and consent of the Municipalities for the purpose, that not more than one member shall be appointed from any one Municipality, and that the Legislative Assembly shall be a permanent committee. The Committee shall have such powers and authority as may be conferred upon it by the Legislative Assembly.

and incurred in the exercise of their duties.

Section 3. The Committee in the exercise of its duties may enlist expert assistance and may cooperate with any governmental and private organizations interested in educational problems and research. The Committee may meet in either Municipality, and shall have power to summon witnesses and take evidence.

Section 4. The Committee shall submit its report, together with its recommendations on or before January 1, 1969.

Section 5. The respective Municipal Councils shall authorize and appropriate in their annual budgets the funds necessary for the expense of the committee, including such assistance as may be required, on a basis of a contribution of 50 per cent by each Municipality. These funds shall be payable on the certification of the Chairman of the Committee.

Section 6. This Act shall take effect immediately.

Bill No. 3

The Thirtieth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

1968 Session

A Bill to Provide for Reciprocity for Automobile Licenses and Automobile Operators' Licenses with the Virgin Islands.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in Session assembled:

Section 1. From and after the date of enactment of this Act:

No person shall operate a motor vehicle in the Virgin Islands without a valid registration license or certificate of title issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles in either of the municipalities of the Virgin Islands, nor shall any person be permitted to operate a motor vehicle in the Virgin Islands without the license or certificate of title.

No person shall operate a motor vehicle in the Virgin Islands without a valid motor vehicle driver's license in the Virgin Islands, nor shall any person be permitted to operate a motor vehicle in the Virgin Islands without the license for which the person is licensed; provided, that a person who is licensed as a driver in any other jurisdiction may be granted a license in the Virgin Islands as to the person's license, by virtue of this Act.

in a municipality other than the one in which it is issued or obtained shall subject the holder thereof, during the period that the license is so used, to all the provisions of law governing the operation of motor vehicles in that municipality, and any penalty imposed in the said municipality for violation of such laws shall be given effect in the municipality where the license was issued or obtained.

Bill No. 5

The Thirteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States
1945 Session

An Act to Enable the Virgin Islands Government through its Department of Health to Cooperate with the Federal Government in Extending the Benefits of United States Public Health Service Act to the Virgin Islands.

Whereas, The United States Public Health Service Act providing research relating to psychiatric disorders and aid in the development of more effective methods of prevention, diagnosis and treatment of such disorders has been extended to the Virgin Islands; and,

Whereas, It is necessary to grant additional power and duties to the Department of Health of the Virgin Islands in order to receive the benefits and provide for the administration thereof:

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, as follows:

Section 1. The Department of Health of the Virgin Islands is authorized to receive and administer the funds for the purpose of extending the benefits of the United States Public Health Service Act to the Virgin Islands. The Department of Health is authorized to cooperate with the Federal Government in the administration of the said Act and to provide for the training of personnel for the purpose of extending the benefits of the said Act to the Virgin Islands. The Department of Health is authorized to cooperate with the Federal Government in the administration of the said Act and to provide for the training of personnel for the purpose of extending the benefits of the said Act to the Virgin Islands.

through its appropriate agency or instrumentality in developing and improving such services, and receive and expend all funds made available to the Department of Health by the Federal Government, the Insular Government or its political subdivisions, or from other sources for such purposes.

Bill No. 6
The Thirtieth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States
1988 Session
Law to Establish a Building Code for the Virgin Islands

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled:

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Section 1. Citations: This bill relating to the construction, repair, removal, or demolition of buildings or other structures, including all electrical work for light and power, together with any future changes therein shall be known and cited as the Building Code of the Virgin Islands.

Section 2. Enforcement of this title: Except as otherwise provided in this title, the enforcement of Public Work of parts of the organization of the Marine Islands, hereinafter referred to as the "Public Work", is charged hereby with the administration of the title. The District Attorney of the District of Columbia, through the District Attorney of the District of Columbia, and all actions and suits in connection with the title, that may be necessary to enforce the provisions of the title, shall be prosecuted in the name of the District of Columbia, and regulations and regulations of this title.

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the effective date of this bill shall be constructed, altered, repaired, removed, or demolished in conformity with the provisions of this Code and any rules and regulations issued under the provisions of section 3 of this title.

Section 5. Permits Required: No building or structure or part thereof, including plumbing or electric wiring for light and power, shall hereafter be built, altered, repaired, or, if within the limits of any town, moved, or demolished until a permit therefor has been granted by the Superintendent. Ordinary repairs to buildings or structures or part thereof, exclusive of electric wiring for light or power, may be made without permit, but such repairs shall not include the putting away of any wall or any portion thereof, the removal or putting away of any beams or supports, or the removal, change, or closing of any stairway or exit.

Section 6. Application for Permits: Application for any permit required by section 5 shall be filed by the owner or his agent with the Superintendent of the Municipality in which the structure is located in such form and giving such information as may be provided in the rules and regulations issued under the provisions of section 3 of this title.

Section 7. Issuance or Refusal of Permits: If the Superintendent finds that the undertakings covered in the application submitted under the provisions of section 6 comply in every respect with this Code and the rules and regulations issued under the provisions of section 3 of this title and the laws and ordinances of the Virgin Islands and of the several municipalities thereof, he shall thereupon issue a permit therefor, otherwise he shall refuse to issue the same. He shall also cause to be recorded in his office a list of all permits issued and of the names of the persons to whom they have been respectively issued.

Section 8. Enforcement of Provisions: The Superintendent shall enforce the provisions of this title and the rules and regulations issued thereunder. He shall also cause to be recorded in his office a list of all permits issued and of the names of the persons to whom they have been respectively issued.

Section 9. Inspection: The Superintendent or his authorized representatives may for the purpose of performing their official duties under this Code enter and inspect any building or structure or any part thereof, including plumbing and wiring for light or power, any enclosure, or any premises at all reasonable hours. Provided, no forcible entry shall be attempted or made without due process of law. All violations of this Code or of any rules and regulations issued under the provisions of Section 3 of this title shall be remedied by the owner or his agent before the installation is placed in service.

Section 10. Board of Appeals Created: A Building Board of Appeals is hereby created for each Municipality of the Virgin Islands. Each Board shall consist of three members who are qualified by experience and training to pass on matters pertaining to building construction. The members of each Building Board of Appeals shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the respective Municipal Councils and shall hold office for a term of two years and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The Board shall elect a Chairman and a Secretary from among its members and shall be furnished with such clerical assistance as may be necessary.

Section 11. Appeals to Board: Any person who feels that an inspection has been done, him by any order, rule or regulation of the Superintendent may appeal therefrom to the Building Board of Appeals by filing a written notice of appeal with the Board within 10 days after receipt of the order or ruling, compliance of the provisions of which he feels shall be limited to the provisions of this Code. It shall be the duty of the Board to determine the matter promptly and to render a decision thereon. The decision of the Board shall be final and shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the competent jurisdiction.

Section 12. Plumbers License: It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the trade of plumbing in the Virgin Islands without a valid license. The license shall be issued by the Board of Appeals and shall be subject to the provisions of this Code.

The Government Secretary, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, may at any time for cause after due notice in writing has been given, revoke, suspend or cancel any license covered by this section. The person affected shall have the right to apply for a hearing before the Board of Appeals which shall have the authority to modify or affirm the order of the Government Secretary or reinstate the license.

Section 13. Penalties: Any person, firm, or corporation who violates or refuses to comply with any provision of this Code or any rule or regulation issued under the provisions of Section 3 of this title may be punished by a fine not to exceed (fifty \$50.00) Dollars for each and every such violation and non-compliance.

Section 14. Fees: Fees for permits, surveys, licenses, and the location of bound posts shall be established by the Superintendent and approved by the Governor of the Virgin Islands and the respective Municipal Councils.

Title II

Definitions

Section 15. In the interpretation of this Code, the following definitions shall be used:

- (1) "Alteration" means any change or addition in construction or equipment.
- (2) "Building" means any structure constructed or to be constructed on the ground or under ground.
- (3) "Fire" means any fire or explosion in or on a building or structure.
- (4) "License" means any license or permit issued by the Superintendent for the purpose of regulating the construction or use of a building or structure.

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Title V

Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 24. Relation to Zoning: The restrictions of any zoning ordinance or bill which may hereafter be adopted by the Legislative Assembly or the Municipal Council shall not be deemed to be modified by any provisions of this Code; and such restrictions shall be controlling except insofar as this Code imposes greater restrictions by reason of type of construction used, in which case the provisions of this Code shall control.

Section 25. Repealer Clause: All laws, ordinances, or regulations in conflict with this Code are hereby repealed.

Mr. Brown Yea
Mr. Brothurst "
Mr. Bepini Yea
Mr. Christian Yea
Mr. Downing "
Mr. Gordon "
Mr. Harris "
Mr. Harrigan "

Mr. Hodge, L. Yea
Mr. Hodge, W. "
Mr. Jones "
Mr. Mackhead Nay
Mr. Meyer Nay
Mr. O'Day Yea
Mr. Quinn absent
Mr. Sprague Yea

Bill No. 7

The Thirtieth Legislature of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

Electoral Law for the Virgin Islands of the United States.

By the Thirtieth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

be known as the Electoral Law of the United States.

shall be held in the island of the Virgin Islands in the year 1944, and

members for the term



District, two (2) members for the Country District, one (1) member for the District of St. John, and two (2) members at Large, and there shall be elected at such elections nine (9) members for the Municipal Council of St. Croix who shall be qualified electors of that municipality as follows: two (2) members for the Town District of Christiansted, two (2) members for the Country District of Christiansted, two (2) members for the Town District of Frederiksted, two (2) members for the Country District of Frederiksted; and one (1) member at Large, and all such elective officers as may be provided by Ordinance hereafter whose term expires before the succeeding election.

Chapter 11

Qualification for Electors

Section 1(a). That the right of Franchise shall be vested in residents of the Virgin Islands except as hereinafter provided, who are:

- (A) Citizens of the United States.
- (B) Twenty-one years of age or over.
- (C) Able to read and write the English Language.

For the purpose of this law "able to read and write the English Language" shall be interpreted to mean the ability to read and write any part of any newspaper published locally.

(b) For the purpose of this law "residents of the Virgin Islands" shall be interpreted to mean legal residents in the Virgin Islands for a period of one year next preceding the election and in the Municipality in which the election is held for a period of six months next preceding the election and in the District in which the election is held for a period of fifty days next preceding the election.

Section 2. Every person who is charged with the duty of administering the law shall be subject to the provisions of this law.

stitution for the insane or persons who are under the care of a guardian by reason of any mental incapacity shall be entitled to vote.

Section 3. For the purpose of this law, no officer, soldier, seaman or marine on active duty in the Army, Navy, or Coast Guard of the United States or any person residing on military reservations of the Federal Government, shall be deemed to have acquired residence in the Municipality in consequence of having been stationed within the same.

Chapter III Registration

Section 1. There shall be and is hereby created a Registration Board for each Municipality composed of the Election Boards herein created. The judge of the Police Court shall be Chairman and shall have one vote on the Registration Board, provided, however, that as long as there is more than one judge of the Police Court the members of the Registration Board shall select which judge shall be its Chairman. In case of a tie vote the side on which the Chairman votes shall be considered the majority.

Section 2. Provision for registration of qualified electors shall be made beginning in the year 1948 and biennially thereafter as follows: provided, however, that the registration lists now existing on the date of the enactment of this law shall be validated as the existing official registration list for the respective districts.

(b) The Registration Board members of the District shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors and shall, beginning on the first day of January of each year, and continuing each year thereafter, receive and examine all registration applications for the district and shall cause to be registered all persons who are qualified to vote in the district on the date of election.

(c) The Registration Board shall not be required to register any person who is not a resident of the district in which he is registered. The Registration Board shall also be required to register all persons who are qualified to vote in the district on the date of election. The Registration Board shall also be required to register all persons who are qualified to vote in the district on the date of election.

(c) The Chairman of the Registration Board for each Municipality shall cause to be published in the local newspapers in his respective municipality once a week for three consecutive weeks preceding the annual registration days a general notice of registration.

(d) Not less than thirty days before the days of registration provided for in this Law the Chairman of the Registration Board must post notices in three public places in each District which notices must specify the time, the place and the hours during which registration may be made in that District.

(e) The Registration Board may make provisions for the registration of qualified electors in each District on such days and times in addition to those provided for as it may deem advisable, provided, however, that all registration must cease thirty days before election.

(f) Registration shall be made at such place or places in each District as the Registration Board may designate.

(g) The Registration Board members of the District now part thereof of not more than two members shall be in session in the place designated by the Registration Board continuously for not less than two hours each day and such hours must be specified in the public notices.

(h) All persons entitled to register who are in the place where the registration is held at or before the time of registration shall be registered if qualified.

Section 10. The Registration Board in each District shall cause to be published in the local newspapers in its respective municipality once a week for three consecutive weeks preceding the annual registration days a general notice of registration.

Not less than thirty days before the days of registration provided for in this Law the Chairman of the Registration Board must post notices in three public places in each District which notices must specify the time, the place and the hours during which registration may be made in that District.

(d) Any applicant for registration may be challenged by any qualified elector in the District, and any one or more of the Registration Board must thereupon read to and afterward administer to the person challenged an oath, in substance as follows: "You do swear (or affirm) that you are a citizen of the United States, that you are twenty-one years of age or over, that you have resided in the Virgin Islands one year next preceding this election and that you are qualified to register as otherwise provided in the election law and that you have not registered in another District for this election." If he takes the oath prescribed in this section his name must be registered.

(e) Any person who willfully swears or affirms falsely as to his right to register after he has been challenged is guilty of perjury and upon conviction thereof is punishable as provided by law.

(f) Each applicant for registration is responsible for producing the facts in his own case.

(g) One week after the close of registration the official registration list shall be posted in the Police Station and in at least one public place in each electoral district, one week later the Registration Board members of the District shall meet for the purpose of hearing challenges and making decisions on the same.

Section 8. Books of the Registration List The Registration Board shall keep a record of all its proceedings and the books and papers may be kept by one of the members of the Board as directed by the Registration Board.

The Registration Board shall have authority to pass on all appeals from the decisions of the District Boards and to the District Board in the instant election and to the District Board in the instant election and to the District Board in the instant election.

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Chapter IV Nomination

Section 1. Candidates for election to the Municipal Council shall be nominated by not less than six registered voters in the district in which the candidate desires to seek office and for the Member at Large, by at least six such registered voters in each electoral district. The candidate's acceptance of such nomination shall be indicated by his signature to the petition. No permanently employed person in the federal or municipal government shall be eligible to sit in the municipal councils.

The petition shall be certified by the signatories under oath that they are qualified electors and that the signatures are bona fide and made by the signatories own hands. Notarization shall be per.

Such petition shall be substantially in the following form: "We, the undersigned qualified electors of (name of district) do hereby nominate a qualified elector of the Municipality of (name of person nominated).

Section 2. Nominating petitions shall be filed with the Chairman of the Registration Board not less than fifteen nor more than thirty days prior to the date of the election.

Section 3. Within three days after the close of the nominating period the Registration Board shall meet. At this meeting the Board shall examine the nominating petitions. At this meeting the Chairman with one or more members may summon to be summoned in the presence of the Board the signatories whose identity is in question to him, also signatories whose identity seems to him to be doubtful. The registration Board shall determine if the signatories' identity and capacity to sign are in question. If the candidates have been found to be qualified and the petition are not found to be placed.

Section 4.
No candidate or
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and if a new valid petition is not filed within three days thereafter the candidate shall be disqualified for nomination.

Section 5. Nominations of candidates may be withdrawn down to the close of this meeting by the candidates themselves but after that they cannot be recalled.

Chapter V

Notice of Election

Section 1. Not less than three weeks before the election provided for in this law the Registration Board must post notices in three public places in each District which notices must specify the time and place, the location of the polls, and the hours during which the polls will be kept open. This notice must also contain the names of the duly nominated candidates to be voted upon in that District.

Section 2. At least once a week for three weeks preceding the election the Registration Board shall cause to be published in the newspapers a general notice of elections.

Chapter VI

Section 1. An Election Board is hereby created in each District in each Municipality composed of all persons sitting elected by the District Judge of the District and the District Board shall choose from among the persons sitting in the absence of the District Judge.

Section 2. The Election Board shall choose from among the persons sitting in the absence of the District Judge.

Section 3. The Election Board shall hold their meetings at the District Judge's office.

Section 4. The District Judge is authorized to administer the oath of office to the members of the Election Board.

(e) In case of a member's inability to act on any Election Board, that Board shall temporarily fill the vacancy.

(f) The Election Board shall keep a Journal of all its Proceedings. This Journal may be kept by one of the members or by some one designated by the Election Board.

(g) The Chairmen of the Boards are hereby severally authorized to hire the services of one clerk for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John and one clerk for the Christiansted Town and Country Districts combined and the Frederiksted Town and Country Districts combined at a salary which shall be provided for in the annual budget for the respective Municipalities.

Section 2(a) The Chairman of the Election Board shall prepare and have printed an official ballot which shall contain on the face in alphabetical order the names of the candidates for the district separated by horizontal lines. At the top of the ballot shall be designated the number of candidates to be voted for, such as "vote for not more than two" or "vote for not more than one," as the case may be. Where one candidate only has been nominated, the words "yes" and "no" with a printed horizontal line separating them shall appear on the ballot after the name of the candidate. Provided, however, that the names of the candidates at large shall be on a separate ballot from the names of the candidates for the district. On the back of the ballot shall be printed the name of the Municipality, the name of the district and the year and date of the election.

(b) The ballot shall be enclosed in an envelope of opaque material and shall remain entirely sealed until the polls are closed. Provided, however, that the names of the candidates at large shall be on a separate ballot from the names of the candidates for the district. The names of the candidates shall be printed in large letters on the back of the ballot. The names of the candidates shall not be printed on the back of the ballot.

(c) No party shall be allowed to place any marks or symbols on the back of the ballot or to write anything thereon.

Section 3. The Chairman of the Election Board in each District shall on or before the day of election prepare and have ready a supply of ballots for that District which shall be at least equal to the number of qualified electors in each district as appears from the registration list thereof.

Section 4. The right of voting can only be exercised by personal attendance and no unregistered person shall be allowed to vote at any election. All persons whose names appear on the registration list shall be permitted to vote and shall be given ballots for such purpose.

Section 5. When an elector enters the place where the election is being held he has to address himself to the Election Board. His name is looked up on a list of registered electors in charge of one of the members of the Election Board and is marked off upon it in the manner decided upon by the Election Board, the mark being uniform for all electors. His name with his numbering number, shall also be entered on a list to be kept by a member of the Election Board (the voting list).

1. Hereafter, the ballot and an envelope are delivered to the elector and it must moreover be told him:

1. That he must put a cross opposite the name of those persons for whom he wishes to give his vote, if there is one candidate, opposite the word "yes" or "no".

2. That no mark must not be made on the ballot opposite any name that there are no candidates.

3. That no mark must not be made on the envelope - must any mark be written drawn, or otherwise made by which the elector may be supposed intentionally to wish to give his ballot a particular stamp.

4. That no stamp may be put in the envelope.

5. That the envelope must be sealed.

6. That the elector may be given to several who may be omitted himself to be

(c) A person shall be provided

and voters shall be required to enter such booth or private room for the purpose of marking their ballots. The voting room must be so apart that the voters cannot be seen by any person outside the room, must be sufficiently lighted for writing to be plainly read in it, and must be furnished with an ordinary lead-pencil and a fixed desk for support in writing.

(d) The voter is shown into the voting room where there must be no other person present. Here he puts a cross on the ballot opposite the names of the candidates whom he wishes to vote for or when only the words "yes" and "no" are found on the ballot, then opposite one of these words, and places the ballot in the envelope.

(e) From the voting room, where the elector must remain long enough for marking the ballot and enclosing it in the envelope, the elector goes to the ballot-box and delivers the closed envelope with the ballot placed therein to the collector appointed by the Election Board to receive the votes (the receiver of votes.) This collector sees that the envelope is closed. The ballot in the sealed envelope is then placed in the ballot-box by the receiver of votes who at the same time enters the voter's name on a list of voters voted.

(f) In case a ballot or envelope, after delivery to the elector but before it is deposited in the ballot-box, is found unsealable or is inadvertently marked, the elector concerned can go back to the keeper of the voting booth and after explaining satisfactorily how the error happened, and signing back the spoiled ballot, may have it exchanged for another with the keeper of the booth.

Section 10. The ballot-box shall be provided by the Chairman of the Election Board to contain ballots marked and deposited. It shall be so constructed that the ballots can be taken out of it without being seen by any person. The ballot-box shall be opened only by the Chairman of the Election Board and the collector of votes. It shall be kept until the time set for the election.

Section 7. There shall be no electioneering within the polls or on the grounds or in other building connected with the polls.

Section 8. The polls shall be open from 8:00 o'clock a.m. until 5:00 o'clock p.m., and at no time shall less than three members of the Election Board be present.

Section 9. All voters entitled to vote who are in the place where the election is held at or before the time of closing the polls shall be allowed to vote.

Section 10. Any voter may be challenged by any qualified elector of the District and the Election Board must thereupon read to and afterward administer to the person challenged an oath, in substance as follows: 'You do swear (or affirm) that you are a citizen of the United States, that you are twenty-one years of age, that you have resided in the Virgin Islands one year next preceding this election, in this municipality six months next preceding this election, and in this District sixty days next preceding this election' and that you are a qualified elector registered under this game and that you have not before on the day. If he takes the oath prescribed herein his vote shall be received otherwise his vote must be rejected.

(b) The Election Board shall challenge every person appearing at the polls whom it shall be known or suspected that such person is not a qualified elector in the District.

(c) Any person who willfully swears or affirms falsely in taking such oath or subscription he has been challenged but is qualified to vote shall be deemed guilty of perjury and shall be liable to prosecution therefor.

Any person who is found to vote at such election after being challenged and not challenged by a qualified elector shall be deemed guilty of perjury and shall be liable to prosecution therefor. Any person who is found to vote at such election after being challenged and not challenged by a qualified elector shall be deemed guilty of perjury and shall be liable to prosecution therefor.

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1. When it does not appear with certainty to which of the candidates the voter has intended to give his vote, (or if there is one candidate only) whether the voter means to give his vote for or against him.
2. When the quality of the ballot or envelope in which it is gives ground for supposing that the ballot is not one of those given out by the Keeper of the voting list and marked in a voting room.
3. When on the ballot or the envelope anything is found, written, drawn, or marked in any other way, whereby it is found to be purposely made known who the voter is, or generally when by any treatment which can only be supposed to have been the work of the elector, the ballot is found to have been intentionally given a peculiar stamp or character.

After the ballots are counted and the statements have been made as required herein the ballots shall be packed in a package. Each package shall be securely sealed and deposited by the Election Board with the Chairman. The unused ballots shall be placed in a package and returned at the same time and at the same place that such ballot boxes are delivered. All books, lists, papers and other vouchers in connection with the election are to be signed by the Election Board and kept by the Chairman or someone to the election.

Immediately after the votes for each of those for whom votes have been counted, the results shall be reported to the persons present. The persons present shall sign a statement of the results of the election and the names of the persons elected. The statement shall be signed by the persons present after qualifying as electors.

For every candidate who has been elected, half of the votes shall be counted and the names of the persons elected shall be reported to the persons present. The statement shall be signed by the persons present after qualifying as electors. The statement shall be signed by the persons present after qualifying as electors.

be filed four days previous to the election.

(f) In case two or more persons receive an equal and the highest number of votes such persons shall proceed to draw lots for the election to office which drawing shall take place before the Election Board immediately. The Chairman of the Election Board shall draw up a statement of the drawing with the result thereof which shall be signed in the presence of witnesses by each candidate entering the drawing.

(g) It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Election Board, within five days after the determinations or canvass by the Election Board, to notify in writing each person elected of his election.

Section 3(a) Any qualified elector of the district voting in the election who believes there has been fraud or error committed by the Election Board in their canvass or return of the votes cast at said election may petition the Election Board not later than seven days after the election at which the votes were cast for recount of the votes.

(b) The said petition must be sworn to before a Notary Public.

(c) Upon the filing of such petition, the combined Election Board of the Municipality in which the recount taken place shall cause notice of such recount to be given in a manner decided upon themselves. Such recount must be held within ten days of the filing of the petition and must be before the Election Board. The Board shall make triplicate copies of the determination under both provisions of the election and what persons are qualified to fill the office, one of which shall be filed with the Recorder or Clerk of the Municipality. The Chairman of the Election Board shall file the petition with the Notary Public. The number of votes at which the election shall be held shall be determined by the Board. If there are two or more persons who have received an equal number of votes, the Board shall determine the winner.

previously provided, choose by lot the person who shall be declared elected to said office. In case of a tie if the recount justifies the original figures the original choice by lot shall stand.

Section 4 (a) Each candidate shall have two duly authorized watchers (one besides himself) present at the polling place throughout the entire election and canvass or part thereof to secure a fair conducting of the election and canvass or part thereof, but at no time may watchers interfere with the actions of the Election Board.

(b) Candidates who desire watchers must give written announcement of their watchers' names to the Election Board upon the opening of the polls. Provided, however, that candidates for Member at Large may have two watchers at each polling place.

Chapter VIII

Special Elections

Section 1 (a) In the case of vacancy in the membership of either Municipal Council occurring by reason of death, resignation, or otherwise, said vacancy in the unexpired term shall be filled by a special election called by the Governor.

(b) Special elections shall be conducted the same as the regular elections provided for herein with the exception that the Registration lists shall be opened for the purpose of adding new registrations, provided, however, that such registration must be held at the same place as said election.

(c) In the case of vacancy in the membership in either Municipal Council occurring within 30 days prior to the next regular election, there shall be no special election.

(d) In the case of vacancy in the membership in either Municipal Council occurring more than 30 days prior to the next regular election, the Governor shall call a special election to fill such vacancy.

Section 2

and as herein provided in the

of the United States.

Section 2. Every record made in pursuance of this law by the Registration Boards and the Election Boards shall be prima facie evidence of the facts herein set forth and shall be received as such in any Court or tribunal in which the same is offered as evidence.

Section 3. Should any section or part thereof of this Law be declared invalid by a Court of competent authority it shall not invalidate the remaining sections.

Section 4. The Electoral Law of the Virgin Islands of the United States of December 9, 1938, together with all amendments thereto, and the Electoral Law for St. Croix of May 16, 1938, and the Electoral Ordinance of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John of June 3, 1938, and all laws and ordinances or parts thereof in either municipality inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this law are hereby repealed.

Section 5. Upon approval by the Governor this Law shall be in force and effect.

Mr. Brown	yes	Mr. Hodge	yes
Mr. Brodhead	"	Mr. Hodge, W.	"
Mr. Campbell	"	Mr. Morkhead	"
Mr. Christian	"	Mr. James	yes
Mr. Dawkins	"	Mr. Meyer	"
Mr. Jordan	"	Mr. O'Leary	yes
Mr. Smith	"	Mr. Petitioner	about
Mr. Thompson	"	Mr. Sprague	yes

The Honorable Secretary of the Virgin Islands

for the 25th of January 1939

St. John & reached by the 1st of February 1939

Section 1.

To be the Chairman of the Commission of the Virgin Islands

fee of Two (\$2.00) Dollars per thousand words transcribed. Provided, however, that the total cost shall not exceed Three hundred (\$300) Dollars per session. This price shall cover an original and two copies of said record.

Section 2. The regular employees of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John shall receive compensation for work performed for the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands. Compensation shall be on a per diem basis and shall be at a rate equal to the amount received by the employee shall submit leave applications to cover the period for which payment is received from the Assembly. Provided further that the provisions of this section shall not apply to the Assistant and Messengers of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John for whom compensation is already provided in Ordinance of December 20, 1937.

Section 3. This law shall be retroactive to April 19, 1946.

Mr. Brown	Yes	Mr. Dodge, L.	Yes
Mr. Bradhurst	"	Mr. Dodge, W.	absent
Mr. Benjamin	"	Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Chelston	"	Mr. Mowbray	"
Mr. Gorman	"	Mr. Rogers	"
Mr. Hildes	"	Mr. Selby	Yes
Mr. Lewis	"	Mr. Coleman	absent
Mr. Harrison	"	Mr. Spence	Yes

The Honorable Legislature of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

Approved and passed by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands on the 19th day of April, 1946.

By the Honorable Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Section 15 of the Constitution of the Virgin Islands, approved by the Legislature on December 20, 1937, shall

be amended to read as follows presented by the Honorable Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

shall become effective in each municipality on such date and in such form as the Municipal Council of that municipality may determine. Amendments thereto may from time to time be recommended by the Director and submitted to the Governor and the respective Municipal Councils for approval. Each employee in the classified service shall be paid at one of the rates set forth in the pay plan for the class of position in which he is employed, provided that nothing in this Act shall cause the salary of any employee holding a position in the Government Service to be reduced below the amount he was receiving on the effective date of this Act.

Mr. Brown - - - - -	yes	Mr. Hodge L. - - - - -	yes
Mr. Bradhurst - - - - -	about	Mr. Hodge W. - - - - -	"
Mr. Benjamin - - - - -	yes	Mr. Jones - - - - -	about
Mr. Christian - - - - -	"	Mr. Mearns - - - - -	yes
Mr. Fleming - - - - -	"	Mr. Rogers - - - - -	"
Mr. Gordon - - - - -	"	Mr. Getty - - - - -	yes
Mr. Harris - - - - -	"	Mr. Robinson - - - - -	about
Mr. Harrigan - - - - -	"	Mr. Sprague - - - - -	"

Resolution

The Thirtieth Legislature Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the United States

From the People of the Virgin Islands of the United States Petitioning the Senate Judiciary Committee to take favorable action on the nomination of Honorable William L. Brown, Jr. of the District Court of the Virgin Islands

Whereas the People of the Virgin Islands of the United States have petitioned the Senate Judiciary Committee to take favorable action on the nomination of Honorable William L. Brown, Jr. of the District Court of the Virgin Islands;

And whereas the Senate Judiciary Committee has reported favorably on the nomination of Honorable William L. Brown, Jr. of the District Court of the Virgin Islands;

Therefore the People of the Virgin Islands of the United States do hereby petition the Senate Judiciary Committee to take favorable action on the nomination of Honorable William L. Brown, Jr. of the District Court of the Virgin Islands.

Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of January 1934.

W. L. Brown, Jr.

Honorable William L. Brown, Jr.

Resolution

The Thirteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

^{1948 Session}
Declaring the Educational Policy of the Legislative
Assembly of the Virgin Islands in regard to Veterans
Training in the Virgin Islands.

Whereas, In the closing months of 1947 the Municipal
Councils of the Virgin Islands acting separately, set up
in law a local machinery for the implementation
of the Federal educational aid program to Veterans,
and,

Whereas, This was done on the condition that
as soon as veterans qualified in the academic courses
for admission to vocational courses, a vocational
program would be organized for their benefit, the
ultimate objective of veterans training being emphasis
on vocational education; and,

Whereas, The academic training being given to
veterans as a preliminary to the commencement and
expansion of the veterans vocational training has
been made to actually establish and have function-
ing the vocational education program; and,

Whereas, The policy of the Legislative Assembly of
the Virgin Islands, based on present-day vital needs
in the Virgin Islands, is that all educational programs
in the Islands should give particular accent to vo-
cational training, thereby giving education greater
locality and thereby effect a practical value

in the Islands, and it is hereby
declared that the Government of the Virgin
Islands is hereby authorized to take such steps as may be
necessary to bring the matter of the present
educational program into line with the above policy.

Resolved, That the Government of the Virgin
Islands is hereby authorized to take such steps as may be
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necessary to bring the matter of the present
educational program into line with the above policy.

Education in the Municipality of St. Thomas
and St. John and the Municipality of St. Croix.

Mr. Brown	---	yea	Mr. Hodge, L.	---	yea
Mr. Broadhurst	---	absent	Mr. Hodge, W.	---	yea
Mr. Benjamin	---	yea	Mr. James	---	"
Mr. Christman	---	"	Mr. Moorhead	---	absent
Mr. Downing	---	"	Mr. Nease	---	yea
Mr. Gordon	---	"	Mr. Olley	---	"
Mr. Harris	---	absent	Mr. Robinson	---	absent
Mr. Carrigan	---	yea	Mr. Spraul	---	yea

Resolution

The Thirteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States
1948 Session

Declaring the Existing of a State of Emergency in
the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States
of America Due to Inability to Finance its Institutions
in their Basic Functions.

Whereas, a State of Emergency now exists
in the Virgin Islands of the United States of America,
despite the fact that the People of the Virgin Islands
have been taxed to the limit in support of their
Government; and,

Whereas, the hopes of everyone concerned
with the solution of this problem are almost
entirely dependent upon the granting of the return
of some part of the Internal Revenue paid
into the United States Treasury on goods
shipped to the United States from these
Virgin Islands; and,

Whereas, House Bill No. 10496 providing
for the return of some revenue which would
have assisted in the maintenance of the
Virgin Islands Government, has been tabled by
the House Ways and Means Committee; and,

Whereas, the people of the Virgin
Islands have already expended many
very necessary articles, equipment and salaries
ment, and salaries are being paid at a
standstill; and,

Whereas, the people of the Virgin
Islands are in a shocking state
due to lack of funds; and,

their dependents during their declining years, and the difficulties in this respect are multiplied many times in countries in which low wages and under-employment prevail; and,

Whereas, A system of compulsory social insurance for wage earners, providing for contributions from workers, employees and Government has been found to furnish the most efficient means of meeting the problem and providing protection for workers and their dependents and thus for society in general; and,

Whereas, In our United States of America, nation-wide social insurance have been developed under the Federal Social Security Act, it having been amply demonstrated that the individual States unaided could not adequately finance a sound social insurance system and that the resources of the Federal Government were required to guarantee a sound foundation for such a system; and,

Whereas, Workers and their families in the Virgin Islands of the United States, like those in the States of our Union, are sorely in need of the protection from suffering and want afforded by a social insurance system but their Government, like those of the States of our Nation, is unable alone to underwrite an adequate program;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in plenary assembly, that the President of the United States be and is hereby authorized to authorize the Federal Social Security Board or other agency of the Federal Government to conduct a study of the social insurance system in the Virgin Islands with a view to determining whether a social insurance system can be effectively established and if so, to report to the President of the United States and the Federal Government and the Government of the Virgin Islands on or before the 11th day of December, 1945, and the President of the United States.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Virgin Islands at St. John's, Virgin Islands, this 11th day of December, 1945.

Done at St. John's, Virgin Islands, this 11th day of December, 1945.

of the Virgin Islands hereby petitions the President and Congress of the United States to extend to the Virgin Islands of the United States Federal assistance comparable to that furnished States of the Union for developing a social insurance system to provide insurance in all or any of the categories of retirement, survivors' benefits, and unemployment as may be shown to be feasible as a result of the study urged above, and,

Be It Further Resolved, and it is hereby further Resolved, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chairman of the Federal Social Security Board, Department of the Interior, Division of Territories and Island Possessions and the Government of the Virgin Islands.

Mr. Brown	yea	Mr. Hodge, L.	yea
Mr. Cushman	absent	Mr. Hodge, W.	yea
Mr. Cuyler	yea	Mr. James	absent
Mr. Christian	"	Mr. Moorhead	yea
Mr. Fanning	"	Mr. Neayer	yea
Mr. Jordan	"	Mr. Robinson	absent
Mr. Lester	"	Mr. Sully	yea
Mr. McGuire	"	Mr. Sprague	yea

Resolution
The Thirtieth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

1911 Session

Authorizing a Delegation of 5 members of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands and their Accompaniment to be present in Washington D.C. to represent the Islands in their efforts to secure a direct contribution to the Nation of the Federal Government.

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Whereas, The effect of these conditions on government has been such as to require material reduction in services from 1946 to 1948 which has almost crippled government institutions, and,

Whereas, although the People have been called upon to pay more taxes they have not been able to raise enough revenue to carry the bare essentials of the local government; and,

Whereas, taking cognizance of the existing plight of the Virgin Islands, the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior, Congressman Fred Crawford, the Public Administration Service of Chicago, and other influential persons, both on the mainland and on the Virgin Islands, have conscientiously supported and vigorously urged the return this year to the Treasury of the Virgin Islands of the Internal Revenue Tax collected on goods manufactured in the Islands and imported into the United States; and,

W. Keenan, the House Ways and Means Committee on April 8, 1958, tabled the measure proposed to bring about this result.

Whereas, If the People of the Virgin Islands do not get the Internal Revenue they must appeal to the Federal Authorities for temporary relief of their economic plight in the form of a definite contribution and

Whereas the People of the Virgin Islands, having direct representation in the United States Capital to fully explain and further such matters, deem it incumbent on Congress to designate a Commission especially charged to fully and satisfactorily report the same and to advise the President on the relief

To be present at Washington whenever necessary to fully explain the need of the islands for some financial assistance at this time whether in the form of a deficit contribution or the return of the Internal Revenue Taxes; and,

Be It Further Resolved, and it is hereby further Resolved, that each member of the Delegation shall be paid actual travel expenses and a per diem of \$20.00 a day for each day spent in the work of the delegation provided that the delegation shall not be compensated for more than thirty (30) days for this work.

Mr. Brown	Yea	Mr. Dodge L.	Yea
Mr. Brodhead	Absent	Mr. Dodge, W.	Nay
Mr. Benjamin	Yea	Mr. James	Absent
Mr. Christian	"	Mr. Moorhead	Abstained
Mr. Downing	"	Mr. Neager	Nay
Mr. Gordon	"	Mr. Otley	Nay
Mr. Harris	"	Mr. Robinson	Absent
Mr. Harrison	Abstained	Mr. Sprague	Absent

After brief speeches by various members and their impression and reactions regarding the 13th Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands (particularly in regards to the courtesies extended and the splendid harmony which prevailed throughout the Session), the Session was adjourned.

The Chairman declared the 1948 Session of the Legislative Assembly duly adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

(May 2, 1948)

Ray F. [unclear]

Ernest B. [unclear]

Proceedings
Of the Fourteenth Legislative Assembly of the U. S. United States
1st Session 1949

The 14th Session of the Legislative Assembly of The Virgin Islands, convened by Joint Resolutions passed by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John and the Municipal Council of St. Croix was called to order pursuant to said Resolutions on April 4, 1949, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., the outgoing Chairman, Roy P. Gordon, presiding.

Present were the following members:

Omar Brown
Christian Chase
Carlos A. Downing
Sebastian L. Forbes
Ray P. Gordon
Ludvig Barrigan
Edward E. Harris

Louis E. Hodge
Walter J. M. Hodge
Frank E. Jacobs
Alva C. McFarlane
Reuben Neager
Lytle B. Otley
Gordon N. Sherrick

George Whilff

The credentials of the members of the respective Councils were placed on the record orally by the respective Chairmen Rev. Ray B. Gordon of the St. Thomas and St. John Councils and Honorable Ludwig C. Herington of the St. Croix Council.

The Joint Resolution passed by the St. Croix Council was read to lay on the record the substance of the joint resolution passed by both Councils was substantially the following:

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Whereas, The Municipal Council of St. Croix deems a number of items pending for action by the Assembly to be of urgent importance to the Welfare of the People of the Virgin Islands, and,

Whereas, the postponement of the Assembly Session previously agreed upon by the Acting Governor, the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John and the Municipal Council of St. Croix, is without good and sufficient justification, and,

Whereas, the members of both Municipal Councils have already had thirty days, in accordance with the Rules of Business of the Legislative Assembly, in which to study the proposed legislation herein mentioned and are ready to act on the Order of the Day:

- 1) A Law to establish the Office of Virgin Islands Auditor. (Hon. Carlton A. Loring & Hon. Ludwig C. Harrison.)
- 2) A Law to authorize the Governor and Heads of Departments of the Government to take such steps as may be necessary to permit the Virgin Islands to participate in Federalistic Programs, and for other purposes. (Hon. C. Christian Chase & Hon. Roy P. Gordon)
- 3) An Act authorizing and prescribing the procedure for the withdrawal of wine, spirits and other alcoholic liquors within and without the Virgin Islands. (Hon. Roy P. Gordon & Hon. C. Christian Chase)

be exempt from taxation and assessments.
(Hon. Earle B. Otley and Hon. Frank E. Jacob.)

- 6) A Law to provide a Uniform Sanitary Code for the Virgin Islands. (Hon. George E. Wulff and Hon. Julius Sprau.)
- 7) A Law to establish the Board of Pharmacy, control, and regulate the manufacture, sale and distribution of drugs, medicine, pharmaceutical products, and chemical products in the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes. (Hon. Louis C. Hodge and Hon. Reuben Neager.)
- 8) Resolution authorizing adherence to an active membership in a Caribbean Lawist Interim Committee. (Hon. Gordon M. Skene and Hon. Roy P. Gordon.)
- 9) A Law establishing the Apprenticeship Board of the Virgin Islands, defining its powers and duties, and providing for the development and observance of apprenticeship standards, and for other purposes. (Hon. Charles H. Hanning, Hon. E. Christensen, and Hon. Ludwig E. Harington.)
- 10) A Law to further amend the Law regarding the practice of medicine and its allied professions in the Virgin Islands of the British West Indies, passed January 10, 1905, as amended, and to provide for the regulation of the practice of medicine and its allied professions in the Virgin Islands. (Hon. E. Christensen and Hon. Ludwig E. Harington.)

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A Law to provide for the regulation of the practice of medicine and its allied professions in the Virgin Islands of the British West Indies, passed January 10, 1905, as amended, and to provide for the regulation of the practice of medicine and its allied professions in the Virgin Islands. (Hon. E. Christensen and Hon. Ludwig E. Harington.)



For the
Governor

- 14) A Resolution requesting the President of the United States to appoint a native of the Virgin Islands to the Caribbean Commission (Hon. Reuben Meayer and Hon. Omar Brown.)
- 15) A Banking Act for the Virgin Islands. (Hon. Roy P. Gordon and Hon. Gordon Skeech.)
- 16) An Act to provide uniform compensation for members of the Municipal Councils of the Virgin Islands. (Committee of the Whole.)
- 17) A Bill regarding the property status of illegitimate children. (Hon. Carlos A. Downing and Hon. Frank E. Jacobs.)
18. A Bill to create a Nurses Training School for the Virgin Islands. (Hon. Alva C. McFarlane and Hon. Roy P. Gordon.)
19. A Bill to provide for the Municipal Councils of the Virgin Islands to be represented in Washington, D.C. whenever necessary in the public interest. (Hon. Omar Brown and Hon. Walter L. M. Hodge.)
- 20) An Act to amend the Merit System Law of the Virgin Islands. (Hon. Walter L. M. Hodge and Hon. Carlos A. Downing.)
- 21) An Act to provide a uniform method of appointment and confirmation of all salaried officials and employees of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, the Municipality of St. Croix, and the Government of the Virgin Islands. (Hon. Reuben Meayer.)

other purposes. (Hon. Roy P. Gordon and Hon. Gordon M. Skeoch.)

Thus duly passed in an extraordinary meeting of the Municipal Council of St. Croix held Thursday, March 29, 1949.

Witness our Hands and the Seal of the Municipal Council of St. Croix, Virgin Islands of the United States this twenty ninth day of March, A.D., 1949.

15/ Lewis E. Harrigan
Chairman

16/ Alphonsus Forbes
Secretary.

The following elections to office for the ensuing calendar year were made:

Walter L.M. Hodge as Chairman on the second ballot with 12 votes.

Carlos A. Spawning as Vice-Chairman on the first ballot with 12 votes.

Alphonsus Forbes as Secretary on the fourth ballot with 9 votes.

Omara Brown as Assistant Secretary on the first ballot with 10 votes.

The following prayer was offered by the Rev. Father W. Harrison, Pastor of the All Saints Church.

Let us unite in prayer to Almighty God,
Our Father, Creator of Heaven and Earth,
To whom we pray through the Father in Christ.
We beseech thee to be present in this assembly.
Let thy faithful hands be over us, and O Lord
thy Holy Spirit to enlighten and comfort, lead us from
pride, envy, anger and all unchristian feelings from the
Lord, comfort us with the
Spirit of God, and give us grace to do
all things that thy will may be done in us
thy Father through the Holy Spirit, Amen.
The prayer of the faithful people.

Gordon M. Skeoch
Gordon M. Skeoch

Governor Hastie: Mr. Chairman, Members of the
Legislative Assembly: On this occasion, with
your permission, I wish to speak rather informally and
quite briefly to this opening session of the Legislative
Assembly.

First, it is, as always, a pleasure to congratulate the new Chairman and Officers of the Assembly upon their election, and to wish them a successful term of office in the positions which they now hold.

At the outset, I should like to plunge immediately into a matter that has been considerably discussed, and that was the action of the Governor in postponing the meeting of the Assembly, which, of course, was followed by action of the two Municipal Councils in convening the session which begins today.

may I say that my reasons for postponing the meeting of the assembly were exactly those which I stated, and none other. I did feel that there was considerable likelihood that I could not pass on measures pending before me from the Municipal Councils with reference to salary, and a bill which had not yet been presented to me from the Municipal Council of St. Croix on the same subject. I did not know at that time what action I was going to take on that legislation. It seemed to me that it would be in the interest of harmony and effective meetings of the legislative assembly that whatever action might be taken on those measures should be taken should be considered or reconsidered in the case may be, by the Council and each of the groups before we held a meeting of the assembly. I thought it proper that the measures pending before the Council be considered, and that the Council should meet at the present

consider it appropriate to come together and seek to meet jointly as the Legislative Assembly in the dispatch of business affecting the entire Virgin Islands.

You have before you an agenda of considerable importance, an agenda, also, of considerable length. I shall not take your time to discuss the individual items of that agenda. You and the acting Governor went over it informally before the agenda was adopted.

I do want to comment on one or two matters related either to this agenda or the agenda of the last meeting of the Assembly. You will remember that a year ago, a Resolution was passed providing for the creation of a committee to study the educational system of the Virgin Islands and make reports on ways in which it could be improved. I have received only a very brief report from that committee, a report which is informal, a report progress, and yet I fear it represents about as much progress as can be expected of the committee.

The committee indicate its belief that a study of the educational system of the Virgin Islands and helpful recommendations as to its improvement should be made by a trained professional educator with the broad knowledge and broad experience in the working of systems of both vocational and classical education. The committee indicated that it felt that the committee of laymen per se as the committee cannot give the subject the types of study and recommendations that it desires.

I think, thinking that in following up the Resolution, you may wish to consider the possibility of a resolution recommending that a committee be appointed to study the educational system of the Virgin Islands and make reports on ways in which it could be improved. I think that the committee should be able to give the subject the types of study and recommendations that it desires.

received a letter from the American Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Canady, in which he advises me that enough territories have already joined in that committee so that if Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands shall join promptly, it will be possible to go forward immediately with the organization and work of the Caribbean Tourist Organization.

It had been my thought that if the Assembly acted favorably on the resolution we would provide funds in next year's budget for the joining of that committee. In view of the sense of urgency and the Chairman's letter, the Chairman of the Caribbean Commission, I do hope that you may act quite promptly on that item of the agenda, and it may be that as we study the funds available at the end of the year in the two municipalities, that we shall find a way to join in the work of the Caribbean Tourist Committee before the end of this fiscal year rather than waiting until the first of July.

I should like to comment also upon one law which was passed by the Assembly two years ago, the law which we refer to as the Merit System Law of the Virgin Islands. I have said repeatedly to this Assembly, to the individual Council and other groups, that every effort is being made to obtain funds so that we may put the Merit System Law into effect. You know that the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives has now approved a budget which includes an appropriation which includes the funds for putting the Merit System Law into effect. That will be a very happy event for the Virgin Islands and we shall submit in abundance to the House of Representatives the Merit System Law to the House of Representatives at the end of the fiscal year. I am sure that you will be very glad to hear that.

That plan whatever its objective in character is to be particularly in the field of the law. All that is to be done is to submit the law to the House of Representatives and the very process of it will be to submit it to the House of Representatives. I am sure that you will be very glad to hear that.

few employees whose salaries are relatively higher than others now who will receive a very small, if any, increase under the plan. Yet the total of salary increases for the two municipalities will be approximately \$153,000, which is a very considerable increase in pay for our body of municipal employees.

May I say a final word which is quite general in character. The very fact that the two Municipal Councils have seen fit to call the Assembly at this time seems to me to indicate the belief of the members that there is a large amount of important business that should be transacted promptly. In that spirit, I want to hope that the Legislative Assembly proceed. I hope that each member will feel as a member of the Assembly, he is not Assemblyman for St. Croix or St. Thomas or St. John, but he is assemblyman for the Virgin Islands. I hope that the Assembly will proceed with the spirit of attempting to pass that legislation which the members believe will be in the best interest of this Territory as a whole.

My very last observation is this. While I have not discussed particular legislation this afternoon, I am not able at any time to discuss any particular legislation with the members of the Assembly. If it appears useful to deliver a formal message or messages at various times on particular bills, I shall be glad to do so. If the members will like to sit down in informal discussion in Committees or otherwise on particular matters of legislation, I am very anxious in the Executive Council to be very happy to do so. I have no more to say at this time. I expect to be present for the remainder of the session. The end of this session will be available before the next week or so. I shall be very glad to see you all again.

Very respectfully,
 Your obedient servant,
 J. M. [Signature]

Enclosed for the members of the Assembly are the following documents:
 1. A copy of the report of the Committee on the Finance Bill.
 2. A copy of the report of the Committee on the Education Bill.
 3. A copy of the report of the Committee on the Public Works Bill.
 4. A copy of the report of the Committee on the Public Health Bill.
 5. A copy of the report of the Committee on the Public Safety Bill.
 6. A copy of the report of the Committee on the Public Order Bill.
 7. A copy of the report of the Committee on the Public Administration Bill.
 8. A copy of the report of the Committee on the Public Finance Bill.
 9. A copy of the report of the Committee on the Public Education Bill.
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 14. A copy of the report of the Committee on the Public Administration Bill.
 15. A copy of the report of the Committee on the Public Finance Bill.

Upon motion made, seconded and passed the reading of the correspondence was waived.

The Assembly was engaged from April 5 to April 11, 1948, in the first reading and open discussion on the bills on the agenda. During this period of time all the bills on the agenda, as appears above, was sent to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion, with the exception of:

A Law to Establish the Board of Pharmacy Control and Regulate the Manufacture, Sale and Distribution of Drugs, Medicines, Pharmaceutical Products, and Chemical Products in the Virgin Islands, and for other Purposes.

A Law Establishing Uniform Fees for Municipal Hospital Services in the Virgin Islands, and for other Purposes.

An Act to Provide Uniform Compensation for Members of the Municipal Councils in the Virgin Islands.

The Assembly resumed its work in Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, April 12, 1948, to discuss the bills that were committed.

The Assembly adjourned Committee of the Whole from April 12, to May 4, 1948.

During the committee's recess the following Resolutions were introduced and adopted:

Resolved, That the Assembly express its appreciation and commendation to the Honorable Mr. J. M. [Name] for the presentation of the bill to establish a [Name] in the Virgin Islands, and for the [Name] of the bill.

Resolved, That the Assembly express its appreciation and commendation to the Honorable Mr. [Name] for the presentation of the bill to [Name] in the Virgin Islands, and for the [Name] of the bill.

The Legislative Program for the Virgin Islands without giving the people an opportunity to participate therein. Proposed by Omar Brown 2nd Member-at-Large.

Resolution Petitioning the President of the United States to afford the people of the Virgin Islands an opportunity to recommend appointees for the positions of Governor, Government Secretary, and other high ranking officials of the Government of the Virgin Islands. Proposed by Omar Brown 2nd Member-at-Large.

Resolution Petitioning the President and Congress of the United States to grant the people of the Virgin Islands the right to elect their own Governor.

After publication of the Order of the Day, indicating the items reported out of Committee, those dropped from the Agenda and the bills on which action was deferred for future session, as well as the fact of its reappearance in formal session, the Assembly reconvened in formal session for consideration of the bills reported out of Committee of the Whole.

The following Resolutions and Bills were passed by the Assembly in the form and by the votes indicated below:

Resolutions - expressions of Colonial Appl
to the people:

The Fourteenth Amendment of the

Constitution of the United States shall be applied to the people of the Virgin Islands.

The people of the Virgin Islands shall have the right to elect their own Governor and to elect members to the Legislative Assembly.

Whereas, Colonel Opholm, has worked hard to accomplish this objective, his sole concern and interest having always been to help the people of moderate means, both to start business, and to be able to purchase the necessities of life at lower prices, and,

Whereas, Since Colonel Opholm's stay in the islands, he has organized several projects, including the formation of the Virgin Islands Fisheries, Inc., a fishermen's producers cooperative, to stimulate and promote the supply of fresh fish to the people of the islands as a cheap and healthful means of food, and, a soap factory formed through the instrumentality of resident investors of very moderate means, to create employment and provide good quality soap for local use at cheaper rates, and,

Whereas, The fruits of these efforts will continue to be felt in the islands for several years to come, and will be seen most when the local credit and banking facilities are expanded, and,

Whereas, Colonel Opholm, in addition to his business activities in the islands, has worked side by side with organizations, Government officials, and individual people of the community, and has always been known to promote and maintain cordial and harmonious relations,

Whereas, The local population, apart from the Colonial Government, in the islands, are dependent on his family, the income from his business in the islands during the past few years, with Centuries, will be a great help to the islands and the public charity known as the income from which the staff of the poor are paid, and,

Whereas, The local population, apart from the Colonial Government, in the islands, are dependent on his family, the income from his business in the islands during the past few years, with Centuries, will be a great help to the islands and the public charity known as the income from which the staff of the poor are paid, and,

to himself and substantial benefit to the people by way of increasing the available information for the improvement of the island and,

Whereas the People of the Virgin Islands, through their Legislative Assembly, were desirous of presenting some testimonial of their sentiments to Colonel Opholm in appreciation of his labors and friendship while among them:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby Resolved, by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled, that the People of the Virgin Islands, through this medium, express their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Colonel Abel H. Opholm for the sincerity of purpose, assiduity of effort, the cooperative and friendly spirit with which he has worked to improve the local economy by the establishment and promotion of more small industries in the Virgin Islands, and express the hope that he may soon return to the islands to continue this very necessary work; and,

Be It Further Resolved, and it is hereby further Resolved, that the following testimonial be appropriately inscribed and presented to Colonel Abel H. Opholm on the day of his departure from the islands, to wit: "The People of the Virgin Islands, through their Legislative Assembly, express their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Colonel Abel H. Opholm for the sincerity of purpose, assiduity of effort, the cooperative and friendly spirit with which he has worked to improve the local economy by the establishment and promotion of more small industries in the Virgin Islands, and express the hope that he may soon return to the islands to continue this very necessary work; and,"

Respectfully
Attest the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
1st of January 1900

Petitioning the 81st Congress to Notify the Virgin Islands Legislative Assembly When Virgin Islands Matters are to be Discussed by That Body.

Whereas, It has been authoritatively learned that Congressional Committees of the 81st Congress of the United States are writing amendments to the Virgin Islands Constitution; and

Whereas, While the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands recognizes the fact that the 81st Congress is not bound by constitutional requirements to act in deference to the will of the People of the Virgin Islands, nevertheless, it feels confident in its belief that the friendly and sympathetic attitude which is characteristic of the 81st Congress will motivate it to grant the request of the Virgin Islands People; and,

Whereas, The Virgin Islands People desire to be given the opportunity to appear and be heard before any amendment is made to their Organic Act;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled, That the 81st Congress of the United States be and is hereby petitioned to afford to the Virgin Islands People, through their Legislative Assembly, an opportunity to participate in the process of amending the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands and to voice their opinion on all amendments which will affect the Virgin Islands and its people; and,

Be It Further Resolved, and it is hereby further Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled, That the 81st Congress of the United States be and is hereby petitioned to advise the Virgin Islands People of the time and place when the amendments to the Organic Act will be discussed by the 81st Congress of the United States; and,

Be It Further Resolved, and it is hereby further Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled, That the 81st Congress of the United States be and is hereby petitioned to advise the Virgin Islands People of the time and place when the amendments to the Organic Act will be discussed by the 81st Congress of the United States; and,

Be It Further Resolved, and it is hereby further Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled, That the 81st Congress of the United States be and is hereby petitioned to advise the Virgin Islands People of the time and place when the amendments to the Organic Act will be discussed by the 81st Congress of the United States; and,

Be It Further Resolved, and it is hereby further Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled, That the 81st Congress of the United States be and is hereby petitioned to advise the Virgin Islands People of the time and place when the amendments to the Organic Act will be discussed by the 81st Congress of the United States; and,

Committee, The President of the United States, The Department of the Interior, The Director of the Division of Territories & Island Possessions, the National Committee, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, and The Chairman of the Insular Democratic Committee of the Virgin Islands.

Resolution
The Fourteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States
1st Session

1944

Protesting Against the Methods Used by the Department of the Interior in Formulating the Legislative Program for the Virgin Islands without Giving the People an Opportunity to Participate Therein.

Whereas, The Department of the Interior will shortly present to the 81st Congress, for its consideration, a so-called Virgin Islands Legislative Program which undoubtedly will affect the Social, Economic and Political Life of the People of the Virgin Islands, and,

Whereas, Neither the People of the Virgin Islands nor their duly elected representatives have been given any opportunity to participate in formulating this Program, and,

Whereas, The People of the Virgin Islands are recognized as having the right to participate in the formation of plans dealing with their Social, Economic and Political Life,

Now, Therefore, We, the People of the Virgin Islands, do hereby resolve that we will not accept the said Legislative Program unless and until we have been given an opportunity to participate in its formulation, and we do hereby urge the Department of the Interior to give us such an opportunity.

Be It Further Resolved, and it is hereby further resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to The President of the Senate, The Speaker of the House of Representatives, The Chairman of the Insular Affairs Committee and the Governor of the Virgin Islands.

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| Mr. Brown..... | yea | Mr. W. Hodge..... | yea |
| Mr. Chase..... | " | Mr. Jacobs..... | " |
| Mr. Downing..... | " | Mr. McFarlane..... | " |
| Mr. Forbes..... | " | Mr. Neizer..... | " |
| Mr. Gordon..... | absent | Mr. Stiles..... | absent |
| Mr. Harrigan..... | yea | Mr. Skebel..... | absent |
| Mr. Harris..... | " | Mr. Sprauve..... | yea |
| Mr. L. Hodge..... | " | Mr. Wulff..... | " |

Resolution
The Fourteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

1st Session

1899

Petitioning the President of the United States to afford the People of the Virgin Islands an opportunity to recommend appointments for the positions of Governor, Government Secretary, and other high ranking officials of the Government of the Virgin Islands.

Whereas under the provisions of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, the President of the United States is authorized to appoint the President of the Government of the Virgin Islands, and,

the President of the United States, under the Act of the Interior, and under the Act of the Interior, is authorized to appoint the President of the Government of the Virgin Islands, and,

the President of the United States, under the Act of the Interior, and under the Act of the Interior, is authorized to appoint the President of the Government of the Virgin Islands, and,

Resolution
The Fourteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

1st Session
1949

Authorizing Adherence to and Active Membership in a
Caribbean Tourist Interim Committee.

Whereas, The West Indian Conference (Third Session) held in Guadeloupe on December 1, 1948, has recommended, and the Caribbean Commission has approved, the establishment of a Caribbean Tourist Interim Committee, to consist of representatives of the governments of all Caribbean Territories, whose duties shall be:

- (a) To foster the creation of a Caribbean Tourist Development Association, constituted substantially in the form proposed by the Caribbean Tourist Conference;
- (b) In the meantime to carry out, so far as is possible, the functions of a Caribbean Tourist Development Association, with special reference to the following activities:

1. Advice as to the improvement of services rendered to tourists in the various territories effective "word of mouth" advertising;

2. Promotion uniformly high standards of service, funds should be set apart to ensure that a minimum standard is maintained in any one territory and that this is uniformly maintained. Similarly, to for the ad-

3. Planning and research including the study of the needs and interests of tourists in various territories;

4. Maintenance of a register of experts qualified to assist in the development of the territories, and this register should be made available to all territories through the Caribbean Tourist Development Association.

5. Undertake area-wide education as to the benefits of tourism and thus create a full appreciation of its value, which would tend to produce increasingly sympathetic and cooperative reception of tourists throughout the area;

6. Promote intra-Caribbean travel, especially during the off-season for overseas business, thus (1) keeping money within the area (2) developing goodwill and understanding (3) redressing the season of slack tourist industry. Employment;

7. Compile and provide for individuals and the travel trade overall information about the Caribbean area which will advertise the region as a whole and will supplement and coordinate the information and propaganda prepared and circulated by member organizations;

8. Pursue, as far as possible, with the staff and funds available, such other aims as (1) convention business, (2) negotiation for improved transportation services, (3) public relations on a regional basis including with the travel trade, journalists, lecturers, photographers, etc., where a good opinion of the Caribbean as a whole and of its estimable values, and;

Whereas the West-Indian Conference recommended the establishment of a print fund for the Caribbean tourist industry committee, totaling £5000, of which £1000 has been allocated to the Caribbean tourist industry of the Virgin Islands of the British West Indies;

Whereas the Assembly of the Virgin Islands has approved the constitution of the Caribbean tourist industry committee, and has agreed to contribute £1000 to the fund for the Caribbean tourist industry committee, and has agreed to contribute £1000 to the fund for the Caribbean tourist industry committee, and has agreed to contribute £1000 to the fund for the Caribbean tourist industry committee;

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the Virgin Islands Government towards the development of culture, welfare, and industrial advancement of the people of the Virgin Islands:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the United States, in session assembled, That the Governor of the Virgin Islands be and he is hereby authorized to, accept, on behalf of the Government of the Virgin Islands, active membership in the Caribbean Tourist Interim Committee and to do and perform all necessary acts as may be required by the Caribbean Commission to qualify the Virgin Islands Government for active membership in said Committee, and,

It is Further Resolved, That the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John and the Municipal Council of St. Croix shall, by appropriate legislation, authorize and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 annually for each of the first and second complete fiscal years of the Caribbean Tourist Interim Committee as the contribution from the Virgin Islands of the United States towards the committee's joint funds, such appropriation to be made in the ratio of \$1,500 by the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John and \$1,000 by the Municipality of St. Croix.

Mr. Brown..... Yes

Mr. Chase.....

Mr. Cummings.....

Mr. F. J. [unclear].....

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Mr. [unclear].....

Mr. N. Holz..... absent

Mr. Jacobs..... Yes

Mr. McFurlan..... Yes

Mr. Neager..... "

Mr. O'Leary..... absent

Mr. [unclear]..... "

Mr. [unclear]..... "

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That the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the United States

do hereby

authorize the Governor of the Virgin Islands to

accept, on behalf of the Government of the Virgin Islands,

active membership in the Caribbean Tourist Interim Committee

and to do and perform all necessary acts as may be required

by the Caribbean Commission to qualify the Virgin Islands Government

for active membership in said Committee, and,

It is Further Resolved, That the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John

and the Municipal Council of St. Croix shall, by appropriate legislation,

authorize and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 annually for each of the first

and second complete fiscal years of the Caribbean Tourist Interim Committee

as the contribution from the Virgin Islands of the United States towards the

Resolution
The Fourteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States
1st Session
1949

Petitioning the 81st Congress of the United States, to
Authorize Payment into the Treasury of the Virgin
Islands of All Taxes Collected under the Internal
Revenue Laws of the United States on Articles Produced
in the Virgin Islands and Transported to the United
States of America.

Whereas, All liquors and articles produced in the
Virgin Islands and transported to the United States
are subject to the Federal Internal Revenue Tax
provided in the United States Code; and,

Whereas, While the islands of Puerto Rico and
other Territories of the United States, are authorized to
receive the taxes collected in the United States on
articles produced in those islands, the Virgin Islands,
which are in dire need, do not enjoy this privilege;
and,

Whereas, If the taxes collected in the United States
on articles produced in the Virgin Islands were re-
turned it would greatly strengthen the economic
structure of the Islands and would make them less
dependent on deficit appropriations or other aid from
the United States; and,

Whereas, The Virgin Islands are in a financial
plight, and it is necessary to continue to
maintain our public services, departments and
democratic institutions, this situation must be
rectified as soon as possible;

Resolved, That the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin
Islands do hereby petition the Congress of
the United States to authorize payment into the
Treasury of the Virgin Islands of All taxes collected
under the Internal Revenue Laws of the United States; and

That this Resolution be forwarded
to the United States Congress
for their consideration.
Witness my hand and the seal of the
Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
this 1st day of January, 1949.
Chairman
of the Committee

Chairman of the House Public Lands Committee, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, The Department of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, Chairman of the House Public Lands Committee, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, The Department of the Interior, The Director of the Division of Territories and Island Possessions, The Governor of the Virgin Islands, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, and the Chairman of the Insular Democratic Committee of the Virgin Islands.

Resolution
The Fourteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States
1st Session

Petitioning the United States to Grant a Recharter
to the Virgin Islands Company.

Whereas, There is pending before the Senate of the United States by Amendment a Bill in regard to the Virgin Islands Company; and

Whereas, The establishment of the Virgin Islands Company as an independent institution to provide employment in the most notable permanent economic foundation of the Virgin Islands; and

Whereas, The bill is pending in the Senate of the United States and it is respectfully requested, provided more substantial support for the operation:

Now Therefore, we, the undersigned, do hereby resolve, by the authority of the Virgin Islands Company, and call upon the people of the Virgin Islands to support the bill in the Senate of the United States, and to the people of the Virgin Islands to support the bill in the Senate of the United States, and to the people of the Virgin Islands to support the bill in the Senate of the United States.

Be It Further Resolved and it is hereby further Resolved, that copies of this Resolution be sent to the President of the United States, President of the Senate, Secretary of the Interior, Members of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, The Governor of the Virgin Islands and President of the Virgin Islands Company.

Mr. Brown ----- yea
 Mr. Chase ----- absent
 Mr. Downing ----- yea
 Mr. Forbes ----- "
 Mr. Gordon ----- "
 Mr. Harrigan ----- "
 Mr. Harris ----- "
 Mr. L. Hodge ----- absent

Mr. W. Hodge ----- yea
 Mr. Jacobs ----- "
 Mr. McFarlane ----- "
 Mr. Meager ----- "
 Mr. Otley ----- absent
 Mr. Skeoch ----- yea
 Mr. Sprague ----- absent
 Mr. Wulff ----- absent

Bill No. 1
 The Fourteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
 of the United States
 1st Session
 Law to Establish the Office of Virgin Islands Auditor

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled:

Section 1. There is hereby established the Office of Virgin Islands Auditor whose duty shall be to examine, adjust, decide, audit, and settle all accounts and receipts and expenditures of funds and property of all departments, agencies, bureaus, boards, commissions, and authorities of the Government of the Virgin Islands and of the Municipalities thereof.

The Governor shall appoint the Auditor and such assistants and clerks as may be required, by and with the consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, for a period of five years. The Auditor's salary shall be \$4,000 per annum, and such other compensation as may be appropriate in their judgment, necessary for the proper discharge of the duties of the Auditor.

The Auditor shall submit to the Governor a report of his work and of the condition of the accounts of the Government of the Virgin Islands and of the Municipalities thereof, at the close of each year.

receipts from whatever source, and shall make, in accordance with law, all disbursement for all departments, agencies, bureaus, boards, commissions and authorities of the Government of the Virgin Islands, and of the Municipalities thereof, subject in all cases to the examination, audit, and settlement of all such accounts by the Auditor. It shall be his duty to bring to the attention of the proper administrative officer expenditures of funds or property which, in his opinion, are extravagant, excessive, unnecessary or irregular.

Section 4. The decisions of the Auditor shall be final except that appeals therefrom may be taken by the party aggrieved, the Department of Finance, or the Head of the Department concerned, within one year, to the Governor, which appeal shall specifically state the action to which exception is taken, with the reason and authorities shown for reversing such decision. The decision of the Governor in such actions shall be final, provided, however, that an appeal from the Governor's decision may be made in the District Court of the Virgin Islands.

Section 5. The Commissioner of Finance of the Virgin Islands shall submit to the Governor, the Legislative Assembly and to the Municipal Councils monthly and annual reports on the financial condition of the Government, showing receipts and disbursements of the various departments and bureaus of the Government of the Virgin Islands and of the Municipalities. The Commissioner of Finance shall make available to the Public Auditor all accounts, receipts, disbursements, vouchers, and other records necessary for the proper accounting of the accounts of the Government and of the Municipalities, and shall submit to the Legislative Assembly, and to the Governor, his findings and decisions on the accounts, and of all expenditures of funds or property which, in his opinion, are extravagant, excessive, unnecessary or irregular.

Section 6. In the exercise of his duties the Auditor is authorized to administer oaths, and to take evidence. He may issue subpoenas and for the attendance of witnesses, and he may require witnesses to produce books, letters, documents, papers, records, and

other articles deemed essential to a full and proper audit.

Section 7. In case of the absence of the Auditor from duty, the Assistant Auditor shall have charge of the Office.

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| Mr. Brown | yea |
| Mr. Chase | yea |
| Mr. Downing | yea |
| Mr. Forbes | yea |
| Mr. Gordon | absent |
| Mr. Harrigan | yea |
| Mr. Harris | aye |
| Mr. L. Hodge | yea |

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| Mr. Hodge | yea |
| Mr. Jacobs | " |
| Mr. McFarlane | " |
| Mr. Meager | " |
| Mr. Otley | absent |
| Mr. Skeech | " |
| Mr. Sprauve | yea |
| Mr. Wulff | " |

Bill No. 2
The Fourteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States
1st Session
1949

Law to Authorize the Governor and Heads of Departments of the Government of the Virgin Islands to take such steps as may be necessary to permit the Virgin Islands to participate in Federal Aid Programs and for other purposes.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled:

Section 1. The Governor and appropriate heads of departments of the Government of the Virgin Islands are hereby authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly, to accept and administer any Federal aid made available to the Government of the Virgin Islands through the Department of Federal Aid of the Congress of the United States, and to take all such further action as may be necessary and lawful to carry out the provisions for participation in such program of Federal aid.

Section 2. The Legislative Councils of the Virgin Islands shall generally and uniformly be organized and shall be organized in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Virgin Islands.

Section 3. The Legislative Councils of the Virgin Islands shall be organized and shall be organized in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Virgin Islands.

participation by the Virgin Islands in programs of Federal-aid.

Section 3. All salaried employees of each municipality of the Virgin Islands paid out of Grant-in-aid funds with which funds of the municipalities are matched shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the respective Municipal Councils or by the Legislative Assembly.

Section 4. The appointment of all persons now employed on any grant-in-aid program in either of the two municipalities shall be submitted to the respective Municipal Councils for confirmation not later than June 30, 1949. Provided, that for the purpose of this Act only in such cases where persons are employed for the entire Virgin Islands shall their appointments be submitted to the Legislative Assembly for confirmation.

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| Mr. Brown..... | yes | Mr. W. Hodge..... | yes |
| Mr. Chase..... | yes | Mr. Jacobs..... | " |
| Mr. Downing..... | yes | Mr. McFarlane..... | " |
| Mr. E. E. E. | " | Mr. Mason..... | absent |
| Mr. Gordon..... | absent | Mr. Smith..... | absent |
| Mr. Harrington..... | yes | Mr. Trench..... | absent |
| Mr. Harris..... | absent | Mr. Sprague..... | yes |
| Mr. L. Hodgson..... | yes | Mr. Wolff..... | " |

The Fourteenth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

An Act to amend the Act relating to the procedure for the support of the Government of the Virgin Islands and to amend the Act relating to the support of the Government of the Virgin Islands

Enacted at St. John's, Virgin Islands, this 1st day of June 1949.

Section 1. The Act relating to the support of the Government of the Virgin Islands

Act

and

needy relatives from persons legally responsible for their support.

Section 2. As used in this Act, unless the context shall require otherwise, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them by this section:

- (a) "State" shall mean and include any state and territory or possession of the United States and the District of Columbia.
- (b) "Court" shall mean and include a family court, domestic relations court, children's court, municipal court, and any other court, by whatever name known, in any state having reciprocal laws or laws substantially similar to this Act upon which jurisdiction has been conferred to determine the liability of persons for the support of dependents within and without such state.
- (c) "Child" includes a legitimate, an illegitimate or legally adopted child and means a child actually or apparently under seventeen years of age, and a child over seventeen years of age who is unable to maintain himself and is likely to become a public charge.
- (d) "Dependent" shall mean and include a wife, child, grandchild, grandparent or grandchild who is in need of and entitled to support from a person who is declared to be legally liable for such support by the laws of the state in which the dependent resides, and nothing in this Act shall be construed to make any person liable for the support of a dependent who is not now liable under existing law.
- (e) "Person" shall mean and include each individual person for whom support is being instituted pursuant to this Act.
- (f) "Petitioner or representative" shall mean and

stantially similar or reciprocal laws, whenever the father of such child or children is dead, or cannot be found, or is incapable of supporting such child or children, and, if she is possessed of sufficient means or able to earn such means, she may be required to pay for the support of such child or children a fair and reasonable sum according to her means as may be determined by the court having jurisdiction of the respondent in a proceeding instituted under this Act.

(C) The parents in one state are hereby declared to be severally liable for the support of a child seventeen years of age or older residing or found in the same state or in another state having substantially similar or reciprocal laws, whenever such child is unable to maintain himself and is likely to become a public charge.

(D) A child or children born of parents who, at any time prior or subsequent to the birth of such child, have entered into a civil or religious marriage ceremony, shall be deemed the legitimate child or children of both parents, regardless of the validity of such marriage.

(E) Notwithstanding the fact that the respondent has obtained in any state or country a final decree of divorce or separation from his wife or a decree dissolving his marriage, he shall be deemed legally liable for the support of any dependent child of such marriage.

(A) For the purpose of this Act, the court shall have jurisdiction regardless of the time of birth, residence or domicile of the child, if the respondent has ever been a resident of the state or the dependent child has ever been a resident of the responding state.

(B) The court of the responding state shall have jurisdiction over the respondent to pay for the support of the child, if the child is a resident of the responding state, or if the child is a resident of another state and the respondent has ever been a resident of the responding state.

requires, having expenses of the petitioner as justice requires, having due regard to the circumstances of the respective parties.

(c) The courts of both the initiating state and the responding state shall have the power to order testimony to be taken in either or both of such states by deposition or written interrogatories, and to limit the nature of and the extent to which the right so to take testimony shall be exercised, provided that the respondent is given a full and fair opportunity to answer the allegations of the petitioner and to be represented by Counsel.

Section 5. A proceeding to compel support of a dependent may be maintained under this Act in any of the following cases:

- (a) Where the petitioner and the respondent are residents of or domiciled or found in the same state.
- (b) Where the petitioner resides in one state and the respondent is a resident of or domiciled or found in another state having substantially similar or reciprocal laws.
- (c) Where the respondent is not a resident of or domiciled in the initiating state and the petitioner is a resident of or domiciled in the responding state and the respondent is required to be supported by the laws of the responding state or is subject to the laws of the responding state.
- (d) Where the respondent is a resident of or domiciled in the initiating state and the petitioner is a resident of or domiciled in the responding state and the respondent is required to be supported by the laws of the responding state or is subject to the laws of the responding state.

resident of or domiciled in another state having substantially similar or reciprocal laws.

Section 6 (a). A proceeding under this Act shall be commenced by a petitioner by filing a verified petition in the Court in the County or Municipality of the state wherein he resides or is domiciled, showing the name, age, residence and circumstances of the petitioner, alleging that he is in need of aid and is entitled to support from the respondent, giving his name, age, residence and circumstances, and praying that the respondent be compelled to furnish such support.

(b) If the respondent be a resident of or domiciled in or cannot be found in such state, a judge of such court shall certify that a verified petition has been filed in his court in a proceeding against the respondent under this Act to compel the support of the petitioner, that a summons, duly issued out of his court for service upon the respondent has been returned with an affidavit to the effect that the respondent cannot with due diligence be located or served with such process in the existing state, that the respondent is believed to be residing or domiciled in the adjoining state and that, in his opinion, the respondent should be compelled to answer such petition and should be dealt with according to law, and he shall transmit such petition and simplified copies of such petition and summons to the appropriate court in the adjoining state.

The court in the adjoining state in which the respondent is believed to be residing or domiciled or found, shall receive such certificate and petition and summons and shall issue a summons directed to the respondent to appear at such time and place, and may require the respondent to appear in person or by counsel, and may make such order as to costs as it may deem proper.

the responding state to appear on behalf of and represent the petitioner at all stages of the proceeding.

(f) If at such hearing the respondent controverts the petition and enters a verified denial of any of the material allegations thereof, the judge presiding at such hearing shall stay the proceedings and transmit to the judge of the court in the initiating state a transcript of the clerk's minutes showing the denials entered by the respondent.

(g) Upon receipt by the judge of the court in the initiating state of such transcript, such court shall take proof, including the testimony of the petitioner and the petitioner's witnesses and such other evidence as the court may deem proper, and, after due deliberation, the court shall make its recommendation, based on all of such proof and evidence, and shall transmit to the court in the responding state an exemplified transcript of such proof and evidence and of its proceedings and recommendation in connection therewith.

(h) Upon the receipt of such transcript, the court in the responding state shall resume its hearing in the proceeding and shall give the respondent a reasonable opportunity to appear and be heard.

(i) Upon the receipt of such transcript the respondent shall have the right to examine or cross-examine the petitioner and the petitioner's witnesses by means of depositions or by means of oral examination of the petitioner and the petitioner's witnesses and the respondent may also examine or cross-examine the petitioner and the petitioner's witnesses by means of depositions or by means of oral examination.

(j) If a respondent is not represented by an attorney in the proceeding, the court shall appoint an attorney to represent the respondent in the proceeding.

provided by law for the punishment of a defendant or witness who wilfully disobeys a summons or subpoena duly issued out of such court in any other action or proceeding cognizable by said court.

(k) If, on the return day of the summons, the respondent appears at the time and place specified therein and fails to answer the petition or admits the allegations thereof, or, if, after a hearing has been duly held by the court in the responding state in accordance with the provisions of this section, such court has found and determined that the prayer of the petitioner, or any part thereof, is supported by the evidence adduced in the proceeding, and that the petitioner is in need of and entitled to support from the respondent, the court shall make and enter an order directing the respondent to furnish support to the petitioner and to pay therefor such sum as the court shall determine, having due regard to the parties' means and circumstances. An exemplified copy of such order shall be transmitted by the court to the court in the initiating state and such copy shall be filed with and made a part of the records of such court in such proceeding. The court shall place the respondent on probation on such terms and conditions as the court may deem proper to assure faithful compliance by the respondent with such order. The court shall also have power to require the respondent to furnish recognizance in the sum or amount which the court may deem proper for the payment of the costs of such proceeding by the respondent.

Such order shall be served on the respondent by the court or its clerk, and the respondent shall be required to comply with the order. The court may, in its discretion, require the respondent to furnish security to assure compliance with the order. The court may also require the respondent to appear personally to support the order.

may be deemed necessary and the respondent shall at all times be under the supervision of such department or bureau.

(m) A respondent who shall wilfully fail to comply with or violate the terms or conditions of the support order or of his probation shall be punished by the court in the same manner and to the same extent as is provided by law for a contempt of such court or a violation of probation ordered by such court in any other suit or proceeding cognizable by such court.

(n) Upon the receipt of a payment made by the respondent pursuant to the order of the court of the responding state in any proceeding under this Act, the probation department or bureau of such court shall forthwith transmit the same to the court of the initiating state.

(o) The probation department or bureau of the court in the responding state shall, not later than thirty (30) days following the end of each fiscal year, furnish to the court of the initiating state an itemized statement under oath of all payments made by the respondent during such fiscal year for the support of the petitioner or children.

(p) The court of the initiating state shall receive and deposit any payments made by the respondent to the probation department or bureau of the responding state and shall transmit the latter on behalf of the respondent. Upon receipt of any payment made under such order by the court of the initiating state, the court of the responding state shall deliver such payment to the respondent person entitled to receive the same and keep a full receipt therefor.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of all petitioners' representatives of this state to appear in this state on behalf of and represent the petitioner in every proceeding pursuant to this Act, at the time the petition is filed and at all stages of the proceeding thereafter, and to obtain and present such evidence or proof as may be required by the court in the initiating state or the responding state.

Section 8. This act shall be construed to furnish an additional or alternative civil remedy and shall in no way affect or impair any other remedy, civil or criminal, provided in any other statute and available to the petitioner in relation to the same subject matter.

Section 9. This act shall be so interpreted and construed so to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law of the states which enact it.

Section 10. If any part of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of such act or the application thereof to other persons and circumstances.

Section 11. Sections 8, Chapter 38, Title V of the Code of Laws of the Municipality of St. Croix and Section 8 of Title IV of the Code of Laws of the Municipality of St. John are hereby amended by changing the word "fifteen years" and "twenty years" appearing therein respectively to "ten years".

These amendments shall take effect immediately.

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| Mr. W. Hodg | yes |
| Mr. Jacob | " |
| Mr. McFadden | " |
| Mr. Meager | absent |
| Mr. O'Leary | absent |
| Mr. Perkins | " |
| Mr. Quinn | " |
| Mr. Wolff | " |

with such changes in the laws and additions to them as may be needed to embody the best experience on these subjects both in relation to ameliorating the condition of children and of preventing conditions which adversely affect the welfare of children.

Section 4. The Commission is also authorized to inquire into and to make recommendations to the appropriate agencies, public or private, on any matter affecting the behavior, care, or welfare of children and youth. It may enlist the aid of public and private agencies concerned with the welfare of youth and study and report upon the functions and facilities of insular and municipal agencies and institutions charged with the care, control, protection and rehabilitation of children.

Section 5. In addition to special reports to be submitted from time to time to the Governor and to the Municipal Councils of the Virgin Islands, the Commission shall, before each annual session of the Legislative Assembly, make recommendations for legislation as a part of an integrated, unified and consistent program to secure the best interests of youth.

Section 6. The Municipal Councils of the Virgin Islands shall cause appropriations as may be necessary for the functioning of the Commission.

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| Mr. W. H. Hodge | --- | Yes |
| Mr. Jacobs | --- | " |
| Mr. DeLore | --- | Absent |
| Mr. Hodge | --- | " |
| Mr. Hodge | --- | " |
| Mr. Hodge | --- | Yes |
| Mr. Sprague | --- | " |
| Mr. Wolff | --- | " |

Bill No. 5
The Fourteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States
1st Session
1949

A Law to Create a Public Body Corporate and Politic, to be known as the Virgin Islands Housing Authority, to Undertake Slum Clearance and Projects to Provide Dwelling Accommodations for Persons of Low Income, Appropriating Money for its Administrative and Initial Expenditures, Defining the Powers and Duties of such Virgin Islands Housing Authority and Providing that its Property and Securities shall be Exempt from Taxation and Assessments.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in Session assembled:

Section 1. It is hereby declared (a) that there exists in the Virgin Islands insanitary or unsafe dwelling accommodations and that persons of low income are forced to reside in such insanitary or unsafe accommodations, that within the Virgin Islands there is a shortage of safe or sanitary dwelling accommodations available at rents which persons of low income can afford and that such persons are forced to occupy overcrowded and congested dwelling accommodations; that the aforesaid conditions cause and increase in and spread of disease and crime and constitute a menace to the health, safety, morals and welfare of the residents of the Virgin Islands and that such conditions exist and that wherever these conditions exist they necessitate excessive and disproportionate expenditures of public funds for disease prevention and public health and safety, and other public services and facilities, (b) that there are in the Virgin Islands slums which are not cleared, no plan of clearance has been prepared, no plan of clearance has been approved, no plan of clearance has been submitted to the Government, and that the construction of new projects for persons of low income should not be competition with the existing

of the foregoing. The term "housing project" also, may be applied to the planning of the buildings and improvements, the acquisition of property, the demolition of existing structures, the construction, reconstruction, alteration, and repair of the buildings and improvements and all other work in connection therewith.

(e) "Persons of low income" shall mean persons or families who lack the amount of income which is necessary (as determined by the Authority) to enable them, without financial assistance, to live in decent, safe and sanitary dwellings, without overcrowding.

(f) "Bonds" shall mean any bonds, notes, interim certificates, debentures, or other obligations issued by the Authority pursuant to this law.

(g) "Real Property" shall include all lands, including improvements and fixtures thereon and property of any nature appurtenant thereto, now used in connection therewith, and every estate, interest and right, legal or equitable, therein including terms for years and liens by way of judgment, mortgage or otherwise and the instruments secured by such liens.

(h) "Officer of the Authority" or "officer" shall include any person who is a trustee or trustee for any bond, note, or loan servicing or the management or use in connection with the project or any assignment or management thereof by the Authority, and the Authority, and any person who is a party to any contract with the Authority.

Section 3. There is hereby created a body known as the Virginia Housing Authority which shall have the following functions and duties:

Section 4. The Authority shall have the power to acquire, hold, lease, sell, or otherwise dispose of any real or personal property as may be

deemed necessary from time to time for the Virgin Islands Housing Authority, such sums to be made available to the Authority for its administrative and initial expenditures.

Section 5 (a). The powers, rights, privileges, functions and duties of the Authority shall be vested in a board of five (5) commissioners appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly. The Commissioners who are first appointed shall be designated by the Governor to serve terms of one, two, three, four and five years, respectively, from the date of their appointment, but thereafter Commissioners shall be appointed as aforesaid for a term of office for five years except that all vacancies shall be filled by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Municipal Councils or the Legislative Assembly for the unexpired term. A Commissioner shall hold office for the unexpired term. A Commissioner shall hold office until his successor has been appointed unless sooner removed as herein provided. Any Commissioner may be removed by the Governor for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office after he shall have been given a copy of the charges against him at least 10 days prior to the hearing thereon and had an opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel in public hearing. The Governor shall give due consideration to the recommendations of the Board.

(b) Every Commissioner shall receive five dollars per month for his services as a Commissioner in the Municipality in which he resides and ten dollars per month for his services as a Commissioner in the Municipality in which he does not reside. The Governor shall also pay the expenses of the Commissioners.

The Authority shall select from among the members of the Authority a Chairman and Vice Chairman. The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall hold office for a term of one year until the next annual meeting of the Authority. The Authority shall also select a Secretary who shall be responsible for the day-to-day management of the Authority and shall determine the policies and procedures of the Authority. The Authority may also select other officers and employees as may be necessary for the proper conduct of its business.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Authority shall have the power to employ such other personnel as may be necessary for the proper conduct of its business.

a quorum of the Authority for the purpose of conducting its business and exercising its power and for all other purposes. Action may be taken by the Authority upon a vote of a majority of the Commissioners present, unless in any case the by-laws of the Authority shall require a larger number.

Section 8. No commissioner or employee of the Authority shall acquire any interest direct or indirect in any housing project, nor shall he have any interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or proposed contract for materials or services to be furnished or used in connection with any housing project. If any commissioner or employee of the Authority owns or controls an interest, direct or indirect, any property included or planned to be included in any housing, he immediately shall disclose the same in writing to the Authority, and such disclosure shall be entered upon the minutes of the Authority. Failure to disclose such interest shall constitute misconduct in office. Upon such disclosure, such commissioner or employee shall not participate in any action by the Authority affecting such property.

Section 9. The Authority shall constitute a public body corporate with political, exercising public and governmental functions, and having all the powers or convenient to having such powers and provisions of this act and the purpose and provisions of this act and the following powers in addition to other powers listed:

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provide for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, alteration or repair of any housing project or any part thereof.

(c) To arrange or contract for the furnishing by any person or agency, public or private, of services, privileges, works, or facilities for, or in connection with, a housing project or the occupants thereof, and (notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this law or any other provision of law) to include in any contract let in connection with a project, stipulations requiring that the contractor and any subcontractors comply with the requirements as to minimum wages and maximum hours of labor, and comply with any conditions which the Federal Government may have attached to its financial aid of the projects.

(d) To lease or rent any dwellings, houses, accommodations, lands, buildings, structures or facilities embraced in any housing project and subject to limitations contained in this law to sell, lease and revise the rents or charges thereon, to buy, hold, and improve real or personal property, to purchase, obtain, options, leases, mortgages, deeds, grants, requests, devise, and any other interest therein, to convey, assign, mortgage, pledge or otherwise dispose of any such real or personal property or interest therein, to provide for the insurance of such property, or operation of such property, or interests or hazards, to procure or cause the procurement of insurance, to issue bonds or parts thereof, or to exercise any authority, including the authority to issue any public insurance.

to be held in reserves or funds not required by law, to pay the savings bank or any other institution, to provide for the insurance of such property, or operation of such property, or interests or hazards, to procure or cause the procurement of insurance, to issue bonds or parts thereof, or to exercise any authority, including the authority to issue any public insurance.

(f) To investigate into living, dwelling and housing conditions and into the means and methods of improving such conditions, to determine where slum areas exist or where there is a shortage of decent, safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations for persons of low income, to make studies, and forward its recommendations to the Governor, the respective Municipal Councils, and the Legislative Assembly relating to the problem of clearing, replanning and reconstruction of slum areas, and the problem of providing dwelling accommodations for persons of low income, and to engage in research, studies and experimentation on the subject of housing.

(g) Three or more Commissioners may conduct examinations and investigations and hear testimony and take proof under oath at public or private hearings on any material matter for its information, administer oaths, issue subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses or the production of books and papers and issue commissions for the examination of witnesses who are out of the State or who are unable to attend before the Commission, or refused from attending and make available to the respective Municipal Councils and the Legislative Assembly its findings and recommendations with regard to any real property where conditions exist which are a hazard to the public health, safety or welfare.

(h) To exercise all powers which in combination

Section 10. The Commission shall have the policy of the authority shall be to provide housing for the people of the State so as to enable them to obtain decent dwelling accommodations at the lowest possible rates consistent with the building of decent, safe and sanitary accommodations, and it shall not be the duty of the Commission to acquire or operate property for housing purposes.

fix the rentals for dwellings in projects at no higher rates than it shall find necessary in order to produce revenues which (together with all other available moneys, revenues income and receipts of the Authority from whatever sources derived) will be sufficient (a) to pay, as the same become due, the principal and interest on the bonds of the Authority; (b) to meet the cost of, and to provide for maintaining and operating the projects (including the cost of any insurance) and the administrative expenses of the Authority; and (c) to create (during not less than the six years immediately succeeding its issuance of any bonds) a reserve sufficient to meet the largest principal and interest payments which will be due on such bonds in any one year thereafter, and to maintain such reserve.

Section 11. In the operation or management of housing projects the Authority shall at all times observe the following duties with respect to rentals and tenant collection: (a) it may rent or lease the dwelling accommodations therein only to persons of low income and at rentals within the financial reach of such persons of low income; (b) it may rent or lease to a tenant dwelling accommodations consisting of the number of persons (but no greater number) which it deems necessary to provide safe and sanitary accommodations in the proposed occupancy; (c) it shall not accept as tenants in any housing project any person who would, if accepted, cause the dwelling accommodations to have an average number of occupants of five times the number of rooms; (d) such persons as are permitted to be furnished with such accommodations shall be furnished with such accommodations at a rate not exceeding six times the cost of the accommodations for this purpose of such persons shall be included in the normal cost (as determined by the Authority) of occupants of water, gas, electricity, telephone, and other facilities, whether or not such services and facilities are charged for such services and facilities are in fact included in the normal cost.

such character and said project shall be conclusively deemed to have planned, located and constructed in accordance with the purposes and provisions of this law.

Section 15. In connection with the issuance of bonds or the incurring of obligations under leases and in order to secure the payment of such bonds or obligations, the Authority, in addition to its other powers, shall have power:

- (a) To pledge all or any part of its gross or net rents, fees or revenues to which its right then exists or may thereafter come into existence.
- (b) To mortgage all or any part of its real or personal property, then owned or thereafter acquire.
- (c) To covenant against pledging all or any part of its rents, fees and revenue or against mortgaging all or any part of its real or personal property, to which its right or title then exists or may thereafter come into existence or against suffering any lien or burden to be placed on its property, to its right to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any property, or to what they may be liable to or obligated to.
- (d) To provide for the replacement of mutilated bonds or coupons.

pose of such moneys in accordance with the agreement of the Authority with said trustee; to provide for the powers and duties of a trustee or trustees and to limit the liabilities thereof; and to provide the terms and conditions upon which the trustee or trustees or the holders of bonds or any proportion of them may enforce any covenant or rights securing or relating to the bonds.

- (f) To exercise all or any part or combination of the powers herein granted; to make covenants not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act as will tend to make the bonds more marketable notwithstanding that such covenants may not be enumerated herein.

Section 16. An obligee of the Authority shall have the right in addition to all other rights which may be conferred on such obligee, subject only to any contractual restrictions binding upon such obligee:

- (a) By mandamus, writ, action or proceeding at law or equity to compel the Authority, and the members, officers, agents or employees thereof to perform such duties and to provide for the benefit of such obligee, and to require the Authority to pay or all such sums as may be due to such obligee of the Authority.

- (b) By writ, action or proceeding at law or equity to compel the Authority to perform its duties and to require the Authority to pay or all such sums as may be due to such obligee of the Authority.

Section 17. The Authority shall have the power to its discretion to make and issue, or cause to be made and issued, any bonds or other securities for any obligee holding or receiving

a specified amount in bonds, or holding a lease, the right (in addition to all rights that may otherwise be conferred), upon the happening of an event of default as defined in such resolution or instrument, by suit, action or proceeding in any court of competent jurisdiction:

(a) To cause possession of any housing project or any part thereof to be surrendered to any such obligee.

(b) To obtain the appointment of a receiver of any part thereof and of the rents and profits therefrom. If such receiver be appointed, he may enter and take possession of such housing project or any part thereof and operate and maintain same, and collect and receive all fees, rents, revenues, or other charges thereafter arising therefrom, and shall keep such moneys in a separate account or accounts and apply the same in accordance with the obligations of the Authority as the Court shall direct.

(c) To require the Authority and the commissioners thereof to account as if it and they were the trustees of a express trust.

Section 11. The real property of the Authority shall be exempt from any forced sale by virtue of any execution or process or against the same nor shall any judgment against the Authority be enforceable against its real property; provided that the provisions of this act shall not limit the right of the right of obligees to the right of obligees to the enforcement of any judgment against the Authority on its

In addition to the powers conferred on the Authority by other provisions of this act, the Authority is empowered to accept contributions, grants or donations from the Federal Government or any housing project or any part thereof, to take over or lease or manage any housing project or under taking constructed or owned by the Federal Government, and

to these ends, to comply with such conditions and enter into such mortgages, trust indentures, leases or agreements as may be necessary, convenient or desirable. It is the purpose and intent of this Law to authorize the Authority to do any and all things necessary or desirable to secure the financial aid or cooperation of the Federal Government in the undertaking, construction, maintenance or operation of any housing project by the Authority.

Section 24. The property of the Authority is declared to be public property used for essential public and governmental purpose and such property and the Authority shall be exempt from all taxes and special assessments; provided, however, that in lieu of such taxes the Authority may agree to make payments of the respective municipalities for improvements, services and facilities furnished by the municipalities for the benefit of a housing project, but in no event shall such payments exceed the amount last levied as the annual tax of the respective municipalities upon the property included in said project from the time of the acquisition by the Authority.

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strued as relieving any person, firm, or corporation from any duty of exercising reasonable care in selecting securities.

Section 22. At least once a year the Authority shall file with the Governor and the Legislative Assembly a report of its activities for the preceding year, and shall make recommendations with reference to such additional legislation or other action as it deems necessary in order to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Section 23. The salary or maintenance expenses of the Authority shall be provided annually by budget which shall be subject to the approval of the Governor and the respective Municipal Councils, or the Legislative Assembly, unless such funds are provided by the Federal Government.

Section 24. Notwithstanding any other evidence of legislative intent, it is hereby declared to be the controlling Legislative intent, that if any provision of this law or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of the law and the application of such provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

Section 25. The Authority shall make provisions for the care and maintenance of persons who may be in need of such care and maintenance.

Section 26. The Authority shall make provisions for the care and maintenance of persons who may be in need of such care and maintenance.

Mr. H. Hodge Yea
Mr. Jacobson
Mr. McKelvey
Mr. Rogers
Mr. Stirling
Mr. T. J. Yea

Bill No. 6
The Fourteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

1st Session
1949

Law Establishing The Apprenticeship Board of the Virgin Islands, Defining Its Powers and Duties and Providing for the Development and Observance of Apprenticeship Standards, and for other Purposes

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled:

Section 1. This law shall be known as "The Apprenticeship Law of the Virgin Islands."

Section 2. The Apprenticeship Board of the Virgin Islands is hereby created to be composed of five members, three of whom on account of previous vocation, occupation or affiliation may be deemed as representatives of employers, a like number who on account of previous vocation, occupation or affiliation may be deemed as representatives of employees, and one public representative. The members of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor for a term of two years by and with the advice and consent of the Council of Ministers or the Legislative Assembly, and shall hold office until their successors are appointed and qualified; provided, that the Governor may appoint a public representative of employees for a term of one year, and may extend the term of such representative for a further year, but the expiration of term shall be filling for the unexpired portion of the term. Each officer of the respective municipal government in charge of trade or vocational education shall be of the officers members of the Board. The Board shall elect a Chairman and Secretary and other officers as may be deemed necessary. Members of the Board, not otherwise compensated by public moneys, shall be reimbursed for actual travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, and shall appoint by and with the advice and consent of the Governor, or the

Legislative Assembly such other personnel as may be necessary to aid the Board in the execution of its functions hereunder.

Section 3. Subject to the approval of the Governor and the respective Municipal Councils or the Legislative Assembly the Board shall:

- (a) Formulate policies for the effective administration of this Act;
- (b) Establish standards for apprenticeship agreements which in no case shall be lower than those prescribed by this Act;
- (c) Issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the intents and purposes of this Act;
- (d) Perform such other functions relating to apprenticeship as the Governor may direct;
- (e) Not less than once each year submit to the Governor a report of its findings and activities which shall be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly and the public.

Section 4. Local joint apprenticeship committees may be organized by the Board in any trade, industry, or trade area wherever practicable to meet training needs. Such committees shall be composed of equal number of employers and employees, or the representatives of the joint committee shall be appointed by the Board, and shall be subject to the standards established by the Board. Such committees shall be organized for apprenticeship training and shall be subject to the supervision in their respective areas.

The term "apprentice" as used herein means a person, at least sixteen years of age, who has entered into a written contract with an employer or his agent, or association of employers, to learn a trade, occupation, or profession in the course of his employment.

apprenticeship Board may be utilized for consultation regarding the settlement of differences arising out of the apprenticeship agreement where such differences cannot be adjusted locally or in accordance with the established trade procedure.

- (e) A statement that if an employer is unable to fulfil his obligation under the apprenticeship agreement he may transfer such obligation to another employer and the apprenticeship Board shall be notified of such transfer in writing.
- (f) Such additional terms and conditions as may be prescribed or approved by the Board not inconsistent with the terms of this Law.

Section 7. The provisions of this Law shall apply only to each person, firm, political subdivision, corporation, employer associations, or bona fide organizations of employees as voluntarily elect to conform with its provisions.

Section 8. The Municipal Councils of the respective municipalities are hereby authorized to make the necessary appropriations for the proper functioning of the Apprenticeship Board.

Section 9. Ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict with this Law are hereby repealed.

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| Mr. Hodge | absent |
| Mr. Jacobs | yes |
| Mr. McFarlane | yes |
| Mr. Meager | yes |
| Mr. Otley | absent |
| Mr. Skelch | yes |
| Mr. Sprauve | yes |
| Mr. Wulff | yes |

Bill No. 7
The Fourteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

1st Session
1949

A Law to Further Amend Law Regarding the Practice of Medicine and its Allied Sciences in the Virgin Islands of the United States
Approved January 8, 1945, as amended.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled:

Section 1. The first paragraph of Section 10 of Law Regarding the Practice of Medicine and its Allied Sciences in the Virgin Islands of the United States approved January 8, 1945, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"A license to practice any of the healing arts granted by the National Board of Medical Examiners or by an American Speciality Board, or by a board of medical education, shall be accepted in view of the examination provided on recommendation of the board without taking the examination or payment of the usual fee."

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The Fourteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the United States

Law to Set Apart [Name] as a [Name] in the [Name]

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled:

Section 1. The following days shall hereafter be legal holidays in the Virgin Islands:

Every Sunday
 January 1 (New Year Day)
 January 30 (Roosevelt's Birthday)
 February 12 (Lincoln's Birthday)
 February 22 (Washington's Birthday)
 March 31 (Transfer Day)
 Holy Thursday
 Good Friday
 Easter Monday
 Whit Monday
 May 30 (Memorial Day)
 June 22 (Organic Act Day)
 July 4 (Independence Day)
 July 25 (Emancipation Day)
 The first Monday in September (Labor Day)
 November 1 (Liberty Day)
 November 11 (Armistice Day)
 The day declared by the President as
 Thanksgiving Day
 December 25 (Christmas Day)
 December 26 (Christmas Second Day)
~~October 31 (Halloween Day)~~
~~October 31 (Halloween Day)~~

and the President or the Governor may declare to be
 holidays in the Virgin Islands, and the day commencing
 at noon on the day from April to
 Monday in those
 than Sunday
 created by
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 holidays here
 applicable to persons
 of the Department
 or participating
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 the Monday
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section shall be a misdemeanor.

Section 3. Whenever any act is appointed by law or contract to be performed upon a particular day, which day falls upon a holiday, such act may be performed upon the next business day with the same effect as if it had been performed upon the day appointed.

Section 4. All laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Mr. Brown yea
 Mr. Chase "
 Mr. Downing "
 Mr. Forbes "
 Mr. Gordon nay
 Mr. Harrigan yea
 Mr. Harris "
 Mr. L. Hodge "

Mr. W. Hodge absent
 Mr. Jacobs yea
 Mr. McFarlane "
 Mr. Neager "
 Mr. Odley absent
 Mr. Speck "
 Mr. Spruce yea
 Mr. Thelff yea

Bill No. 9
 The Fourteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
 of the United States

An Act Regarding the ~~Property~~ Status of Illegitimate
 Children

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of
 The Virgin Islands in session assembled:

Section 1. Any illegitimate child shall upon the approval of this measure and thereafter be considered to have the same status for the purpose of the descent of the property of his or her ancestors as if he or she had been born in lawful wedlock provided that in cases where the ancestor is a father of such child he admitted of record the legitimacy of such child by signing the official birth certificate or he was or is adjudged the father of such child by a court of competent jurisdiction, and provided further that the father shall have all the rights and privileges provided by law to fathers of legitimate children.

Section 2. All laws and Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with this law are hereby repealed.

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| Mr. Brown | absent |
| Mr. Chase | yes |
| Mr. Downing | " |
| Mr. Forbes | " |
| Mr. Gordon | " |
| Mr. Harrigan | " |
| Mr. Harris | " |
| Mr. L. Hodge | " |

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| Mr. W. Hodge | yes |
| Mr. Jacobs | " |
| Mr. McFarlane | " |
| Mr. Neayer | " |
| Mr. Ottley | absent |
| Mr. Skedch | yes |
| Mr. Sprauve | " |
| Mr. Wulff | " |

Bill No. 11
The Fourteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

1st Session

1949
An Act to Amend the Merit System Law of the Virgin Islands.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands assembled:

Section 26 of the Personnel Merit System Law of the Virgin Islands is hereby amended to read as follows:

Any employee of the Government of the Virgin Islands who is dissatisfied with the classification of his position or with the classification of his position may appeal to the Board of Classification within fifteen (15) days of the date of the classification. The Board of Classification shall hear such appeal and make a decision on the matter within fifteen (15) days of the date of the appeal. The Board of Classification shall have the power to hear such appeal and make a decision on the matter within fifteen (15) days of the date of the appeal. The Board of Classification shall have the power to hear such appeal and make a decision on the matter within fifteen (15) days of the date of the appeal.

Bill No. 12
The Fourteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

1st Session

1949

An Act to Provide a Uniform Method of Appointment and Confirmation of all Salaries Officials and Employees of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, The Municipality of St. Croix, and the Government of the Virgin Islands.

Be It Enacted by The Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled:

Section 1. No appointment made by the Governor to fill any salaried position in the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John shall become effective unless and until confirmed by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John.

Section 2. No appointment made by the Governor to fill any salaried position in the Municipality of St. John shall become effective unless and until confirmed by the Municipal Council of St. John.

Section 3. No appointment made by the Governor to fill any salaried position which will involve the expenditure of the revenues of the Government of the Virgin Islands shall become effective unless and until confirmed by the Municipal Council of St. John and St. Croix or the Municipal Council of St. Croix.

Section 4. Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this law shall not apply to appointments to all salaries not exceeding thirty dollars per month.

Bill No. 13
The Fourteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

1st Session 1949

A Law to Provide a Uniform Sanitary Code for the
Virgin Islands.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the
Virgin Islands in session assembled:

Definitions

Section 1. As used in this Law, unless con-
text clearly requires otherwise ---

- (1) "Health Officer" means the Commissioner of Health of the Virgin Islands or any of his duly authorized representatives.
- (2) "Person" means any person, firm, corporation, or association.
- (3) "Restaurant" means any restaurant, coffee shop, cafeteria, canteen, or deli, luncheonette, tavern, sandwich stand, soda fountain, and all other eating or drinking establishments selling food or drink of any kind, whether cooked, prepared, or served in a kitchen or other place in which food is prepared for public consumption.
- (4) "Temporary Restaurant" means a restaurant, as defined in (3), which is operated for a temporary period of time, with a fair, carnival, or other similar event.

utensils, tableware,
utensils, containers, or
other articles with which food is
cooked, or frozen, coming
into storage, or preparation

"Food" means any food, whether frozen or
not, which is prepared, processed, or
packaged in a factory, warehouse, or other
place, and which is intended for sale or
distribution in the Virgin Islands.

Section 4 (a). A health permit may be temporarily suspended by the Commissioner of Health upon violation by the holder of any of the provisions of this law. A health permit may be revoked by the Commissioner of Health for serious or repeated violations after the violator has had an opportunity to be heard. A person operating a restaurant, the health permit of which has been suspended, may at any time make application for the reinstatement of said permit. A health permit shall only be reinstated when the unhealthy or unsanitary cause or causes for which it was suspended have been corrected.

(b) There is hereby created a Board of Appeals of five (5) members to be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly or the respective Municipal Councils. Three members of the said Board shall not be employees of the Municipal or Provincial Government.

(c) Appeals from decisions regarding re-orientation of business made by the Commissioner of Health may be made in writing to the Board of Appeals by any person affected by the decision of the Commissioner of Health. Provided such appeal is made within thirty (30) days after the decision of the Health Commissioner.

Examination of Food or Drink

Any sample of food or drink, and other substance containing alcohol, desserts and soft drinks, may be taken and examined by the health officer if it is necessary for the detection of contamination or adulteration. The health officer may remove and forbid the sale of any food or drink removed or destroyed, and may remove or destroyed, any substance which is contaminated or adulterated.

Cleanliness of Employees

Any person suffering from a communicable disease transmissible through food or drink, or who resides in a household with a person suffering from such disease, or who is known to be a carrier of the organism causing such disease, shall not be permitted to handle food or drink, or to be in contact with food or drink.

shall be employed in any restaurant shall be subject to periodic health examinations for the purpose of detecting any communicable diseases transmissible through food or drink. All employees shall wear clean garments and shall keep their hands clean at all times while on duty in a restaurant.

Poisonous Materials

Section 7. No article, polish or other substance containing any cyanide preparation shall be used for the cleaning or polishing of eating or cooking utensils. The storage, keeping or use of any insecticide, exterminator or other substance containing a fluoride or other poison in refrigerators, on shelves or in other places where they may contaminate food or beverages, is hereby prohibited.

Toilet Facilities

Section 8. Every restaurant shall provide for its employees adequate toilet and lavatory facilities conveniently located and properly constructed and maintained.

Identification of Food and Drink

Section 9. Any frozen dessert or soft drink which contains any wholesome substance shall be properly labeled and or misbranded. No person within the Virgin Islands shall manufacture, sell, offer or expose for sale any food or drink with intent to deceive or mislead or soft drink which is misbranded.

Section 10. No meat shall be offered for sale within the City of St. John, or any other part of the Virgin Islands, unless it is slaughtered in a slaughterhouse. The standards for the inspection of live animals, carcasses and meat and for judging their fitness for food and their disposal if infected shall be the same as those

prescribed by regulations issued by the Commissioner of Health. All meats or meat products stored, transported, offered for sale or sold in the Virgin Islands shall be subject to inspection and reinspection at any and all times by the Health Officer. During transportation all meat and meat products shall be protected from insects, rodents, and other vermin, dust or other contamination. Meat market stands, groceries and all other places in which meat and meat products are sold, offered for sale and stored shall conform to all of the requirements of sanitation as provided in regulations issued by the Commissioner of Health. The portion of this section relating to the slaughtering of animals shall not apply to animals slaughtered in the district of St. John and the country district of St. Croix until adequate government abattoir or slaughterhouses have been established in these districts.

Meat

Section 1. Meat offered for sale or sold in public places shall be handled in accordance with the law of 1946 "To insure a supply of meat in the Virgin Islands of the Virgin Islands in accordance with regulations as may be prescribed by the Commissioner of Health."

Section 2. The Commissioner of Health shall have authority and power to issue regulations and orders for the inspection and sale of meat and meat products and to enforce the same.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale meat or meat products in the Virgin Islands which have not been inspected or passed by the Health Officer. The Health Officer may, at any time, inspect any meat or meat products and may require the producer to produce the same for inspection. The Health Officer may also require the producer to produce the same for inspection at any time. The Health Officer may also require the producer to produce the same for inspection at any time. The Health Officer may also require the producer to produce the same for inspection at any time.

the expense of the ice manufacturer or other party concerned.

Section 13. All wells, cisterns, tanks, barrels, drums, and other water containers shall be made mosquito proof in such manner as directed by the health officer. All pit and surface privies shall be made fly-proof; night soil cans shall be placed in a privy, properly constructed and maintained. It shall be unlawful for any person to build, construct, install, or have constructed or installed a pit privy, surface privy, or a water carriage sewer system, who has not obtained a permit for such work from the Commissioner of Health. Garbage shall be stored in receptacles properly covered and shall be disposed of in such manner as may be prescribed by the Commissioner of Health.

Section 14. It shall be unlawful for any person to allow water or any liquid to run from a building or premises across a sidewalk or street except by a passage constructed under the sidewalk or street and leading to the sanitary sewer or public gutter, which passage shall be kept adequate and in repair at all times. No person shall be allowed to discharge water from kitchen or bath into the public gutter from a building or premises which is connected to the sanitary sewer nor shall the contents of a cesspool or septic tank be allowed to flow into the public gutter. All plumbing equipment and materials used in connection with the sanitary sewer shall be in accordance with the standards prescribed by the Building Codes of the City of New York.

Section 15. The Commissioner of Health is hereby authorized and directed to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the Health Law, and the approval of the Governor and the Senate, and the consent of the Mayor, the Board of Health, and the Municipal Council of the City of New York, for the purpose of implementing and enforcing any such rules and regulations, when approved by the Governor, shall have the full force and effect of law.

Section 16. Should any section, clause, or phrase of this Code be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of said Code shall not be affected thereby.

Section 17. Any person who shall violate any provision of this law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and if convicted for a first offense may be fined in an amount not to exceed thirty (\$30) dollars; and for any subsequent or repeated offense the defendant may be fined in an amount not to not more than thirty (30) days.

Section 18. All laws or ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict with this Code are hereby repealed.

Section 19. This law shall become effective ninety (90) days after its approval by the Governor.

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| Mr. Cro | absent | Mr. W. Hodge | Yes |
| Mr. Chamberlain | yes | Mr. Jacobs | " |
| Mr. Dray | yes | Mr. McFarlane | " |
| Mr. Hodge | " | Mr. Neayer | " |
| Mr. Hodge | " | Mr. Otter | absent |
| Mr. Hodge | " | Mr. Skerch | yes |
| Mr. Hodge | " | Mr. Sprague | " |
| Mr. Hodge | " | Mr. Wulff | " |

The Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands

Acting in the name of the Governor and Council and for other purposes.

Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands assembled:

Short Title

This Act shall be known as the Virgin Islands and shall be applied to all corporations and persons engaged in the business of the Virgin Islands.

Virgin Islands. Provided, That the term "bank" in the definition of a business shall be used only by corporations doing a banking business exclusively.

Section 2. For a bank to engage in the banking business in the Virgin Islands, compliance with the requirements of this Act shall be necessary and the engaging in such business without having complied therewith shall be punished as herein-after provided.

General Definitions

Section 3. The following shall be the definitions that, for the purposes of this Act, shall be given to the terms stated below:

1. "Bank" means a domestic corporation with sufficient capital authorized by law to receive deposits of money or securities, to open credits and accounts current and savings accounts, to discount drafts, notes and other negotiable paper, to purchase and sell gold and silver, and to engage in all kinds of banking transactions.

2. "Foreign Bank" means a corporation organized for the purpose of carrying on the banking business in the Virgin Islands, or in another country, and which is a bank at the place of its organization.

3. "Reserve" means the sum of money or increased in value, formed by the stockholders or members of the undivided profits and such funds, which are set aside for the payment of dividends or for the payment of paying the expenses of the bank, where is any available fund, or all divided profits account.

4. "Legal Reserve" means the sum which all banks shall at all times have available for the payment of their demand liabilities.

5. "Demand Liabilities" means all such obligations as a bank is obliged to pay within a term not longer than three days.
6. "Saving Account" means all accounts in which every time funds are deposited or withdrawn it is necessary to present a pass book, which is given to the depositor at the time he opens such account and which the depositor accepts de facto, and with respect to which the bank may at any time require the depositor to give not more than thirty days previous notice of any withdrawal of funds that such depositor may wish to make.

Banking Board For The Virgin Islands

Section 4(a). For the purpose of effectuating the purposes of this act there is hereby established a Banking Board of the Virgin Islands to consist of five persons, residents of the Virgin Islands, appointed by the Governor of the Virgin Islands, and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, provided that at least three members of the Board shall be residents of the Municipality of St. Croix, and at least two members of the Municipality of St. Thomas and one member of the Municipality of St. John. Members of the Board shall serve for a term of two years and until their successors are appointed and qualified. Members of the Board shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for all travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

The Board shall have full power and authority with the Governor of the Virgin Islands to make regulations and issue orders and regulations in relation to the constitution of those banks in the manner that the Governor may deem fit.

Every foreign bank, and every person or corporation, shall be subject to the provisions of this act in relation to the Banking Board of the Virgin Islands, and shall be subject to the same as if it were a bank of the Virgin Islands.

and examine said bank, foreign bank or branches at least once a year.

(d) On such examinations, inquiry shall be made as to the condition and resources of the bank, the mode of conducting and managing its affairs, the action of its directors, the investment of its funds, the safety and prudence of its management, and the security offered for compliance with its contracted obligations; and whether the requirements of its charter and of the laws have been complied with in the administration of its affairs, and also as to such other matters as the Banking Board may prescribe. Reports rendered by the examiners to the Banking Board, in connection with an examination made of any bank or foreign bank, shall be deemed to be of a confidential nature, except for the Legislative Assembly or a Commission appointed thereby.

(e) The bank examiners shall take an oath not to divulge the results of his investigations, and if he fails to keep such oath, he shall be liable to a fine of not more than \$500 or to imprisonment for not greater than one year, or both, in the discretion of the court.

(f) The Banking Board may cause such examiners shall have power to administer oaths to any person whose testimony may be required on any such examinations, and to compel the attendance of any such person at any such examination.

(g) The Banking Board may cause every bank, foreign bank, or branch of any bank, to be examined by it personally or through its examiners, and to receive a certificate setting forth the results of such examination, which certificate shall be presented to the Board of Directors of the bank, or at a special meeting of the board, and shall be filed subsequent to the date of its receipt by the bank.

(h) For the purpose of such examinations, the Banking Board shall have power to appoint the examiners and fix their salaries.

(i) Each bank, foreign bank, or branch thereof so examined, shall pay as an examination fee the sum of three (\$3) dollars for every ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars or fraction thereof of the resources or assets of such bank, foreign bank or branch thereof excluding from such resources or assets all compensated or control accounts, and the sum so paid shall be covered into the Treasury of the Virgin Islands. Provided, that the fees paid for such examination shall in no cases be less than fifty (\$50) dollars for each office or branch of a bank or foreign bank.

Certificate of Incorporation

Section 5. Any five or more persons of sufficient legal capacity may organize a bank, by executing before a notary and filing in duplicate, articles of incorporation in accordance with the provisions of this section. Provided, however, that banks now doing business in the Virgin Islands may continue such business in the Virgin Islands though organized as corporation with less than five incorporators, provided they submit themselves to all the provisions of this Act. Said articles of incorporation must be subscribed by each of the incorporators and duly sworn to before a notary public. They shall specifically state:

(a) The name of the bank to be known

(b) That it is organized in the Virgin Islands, and that the main office is to be located in the Virgin Islands, and that the legal domicile is in the Virgin Islands.

(c) The amount of the capital stock, the value of the same is divided into shares, and when said shares are issued, the date of issue, as well as the manner of payment of such shares.

(d) The location of the bank.

(e) The names of the officers of the bank.

(f) The time and manner of calling and holding regular meetings of stockholders, and the reasons therefor, and the manner of calling and holding special meetings.

- (g) The manner of constituting a majority at the regular and special meetings of stockholders, provided the same is not in conflict with the provisions of this Act.
- (h) The names and places of residence of the incorporators and the number of shares subscribed by each.
- (i) The number of directors of the bank, which shall not be less than five and not less than five of whom shall be bona-fide residents of the Virgin Islands, the manner of their election, their terms of office, and the number necessary to constitute a quorum.
- (j) Any other articles which the incorporators may deem it advisable to insert for the regulation of the business and the conduct of the affairs of the bank, provided that such articles shall not be in conflict with this Act, or with any other laws of the Virgin Islands.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the incorporators, after signing and swearing to the articles of incorporation, as hereinbefore provided, and submitting the two copies of the same to the Government Secretary of the Virgin Islands, and payment of the fee thereon, and upon the issuance by the Government Secretary of the Virgin Islands of a certificate stating that the articles conforming to the provisions of this Act, and the foregoing sections of this Act, and the articles of incorporation, and the names of the incorporators, and the number of shares subscribed by each, shall be recorded in the office of the Government Secretary of the Virgin Islands, and the same shall be subject to the provisions of this Act, and the provisions of the other laws of the Virgin Islands, and the provisions of the other requirements of the Government of the Virgin Islands, after provided.

General Provisions

In addition to the general provisions contained in the other sections of this Act, the following provisions shall apply to the incorporation of a bank in the Virgin Islands:

under the laws of the Virgin Islands every bank and foreign bank, through its board of directors, officers or authorized agents, shall have power to -

(a) Purchase, sell, discount and negotiate bills of exchange, drafts, promissory notes and other negotiable paper; to make loans for a specified term to natural or artificial persons, or personal, collateral, or mortgage security, or secured by goods in warehouse or standing crops, to contract loans and advances with the Insular Government, municipal corporation or other dependencies of the Insular Government; Provided, that when loan is a personal loan, it shall be within the powers of the bank to determine, in each case, whether the note shall bear one or more signatures.

(b) Receive deposits and keep account current, with or without interest.

(c) Buy and sell drafts and deal in gold and silver, and securities on deposit, and make collections and payments for account of others.

(d) Receive deposits on its own security, or on that of other banks or individuals, or individuals belonging to such bank, and to receive such securities, as a part of its assets, or as a part of funds of the Insular Government, Municipal Government, or other dependencies, and dependent agencies of justice.

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trust for any special and specific purpose whatever, and, in general, to carry out all kinds of trust transactions with ample power and authority, it being understood that in order to carry out these acts, the bank shall previously deposit with the Commissioner of Finance \$5,000 in cash or bond, in bonds of the Insular, Municipal or Federal Government, and the Commissioner of Finance shall so notify the Banking Board which shall issue a license to said bank in order that it may act as trustee in all such trusts as are granted or committed to it; Provided, further, that this Act in no way changes or alters the provisions of any law relating to trust companies.

(K) Transact any other business proper to this class of institutions.

But no bank shall transact any business except such as is incidental, necessary and preliminary to its organization, until it has been authorized by the Banking Board of the Virgin Islands to commence the business of banking.

Provisions for Amendments to Charter

Any bank shall begin to hold its first meeting thereof shall be held within thirty days after its incorporation and shall be held at such place as may be determined by the board of directors. A majority of the board of directors shall be present at such meeting and any action taken at such meeting must be approved by a majority of the board of directors. The by-laws of a bank shall be adopted at a meeting held to incorporate and by-laws shall be adopted at least ten days in advance of such meeting and shall be stated in the call. Provided that notice of said meeting may be waived by the written unanimous consent of the board of directors. It is further provided that this section shall not apply to banks not organized under the laws of the Virgin Islands.

Section 9. (a). Upon the issuing by the Government Secretary of the Virgin Islands of his certificate of incorporation, as herein before provided, he shall so notify the Banking Board of the Virgin Islands and at the same time shall transmit to the said Board a duplicate copy of the articles of incorporation.

(b) When the said duplicate copy is received by the Board, and the bank subscribing the same satisfies in that at least 50 per centum of its subscribed capital stock has been duly paid in, and that such bank has complied with all the provisions of this Act required to be complied with before a bank shall be authorized to commence the business of banking the Board shall examine the condition of such corporation, ascertain specifically the amount of its capital paid in, the names and places of residence of its directors, and the amount of the capital stock which each owns in whole, partly, and generally, whether such corporation has complied with all the provisions of this Act required to entitle it to engage in the business of banking and of state banking, and to enable the Board to determine whether the bank is lawfully authorized to commence the business of banking, and shall file in the Office of the Secretary a statement to be signed by the directors and by the President or Chairman of the institution.

(c) If upon examination of the facts as hereinbefore provided which may come to the knowledge of the Board it appears that a bank is not entitled to commence the business of banking, the Government Secretary shall issue a certificate under the seal of the Government stating that such bank has not complied with all the provisions of this Act required to be complied with before a bank shall be authorized to commence the business of banking, and shall file in the Office of the Secretary a statement to be signed by the directors and by the President or Chairman of the institution, and that the amount of the capital stock paid in, and that the amount of the capital stock paid in, for any other than the legitimate objects authorized by this Act.

- (d) The president or the manager of the bank shall cause the certificate issued under the preceding paragraph to be published once a week during a period of sixty days in a newspaper of general circulation in each municipality of the Virgin Islands.
- (e) The articles of incorporation filed in accordance with this act, or a copy thereof duly legalized by the Government Secretary of the Virgin Islands, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein contained.

Amount and Payment of Capital Stock - Stockholders

Section 10 (a). No bank shall be organized and established in the Virgin Islands with a subscribed capital less than One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars. The capital stock of each bank shall be divided into shares of One Hundred Dollars each, or into such shares of less or more as may be provided in the articles of incorporation and shall be transferable to any person who may be admitted in its by-laws or articles of incorporation as a person becoming a shareholder. The transfer of such shares shall be made in the manner provided in the articles of incorporation and shall be made in the manner provided in the articles of incorporation.

Section 10 (b). The subscription of its subscribed capital shall be paid in full before the bank is organized. Its common stock shall be paid for at least 10 per cent of the amount of the stock from the time the bank is organized by the Banking Board of the Virgin Islands. The balance of each share shall be paid to the Banking Board of the Virgin Islands.

(c) Any person who is a shareholder or assignee of a share who fails to pay the amount of his share as required

by the preceding sub-section, shall be deemed to be a delinquent shareholder, and the directors of the bank may sell the share or shares of such delinquent stockholders at a public auction after announcing the sale in a newspaper of general circulation in each Municipality of the Virgin Islands. The stock so sold shall be awarded to the person paying the highest price therefor, such price not to be less than the amount due on the stock plus the expense of announcement and sale. The excess, if any, shall be paid to delinquent stockholder. If there is no bidder who will pay for such stock the amount previously paid shall be forfeited to the bank, and such stock shall be sold as the directors may order, within six months from the time of such forfeiture, and if not sold it shall be cancelled and deducted from the capital stock of the bank. If any such cancellation and deduction shall reduce the capital of the bank below the minimum of capital required by law, the capital stock shall within thirty days from the date of such cancellation be increased to the required amount, the increase of which a resolution may be passed according to the provisions of this act to liquidate the business of the bank.

(d) Every bank which has failed to pay in full capital stock as required hereby within three months after receiving notice from the Banking Board, or the Bank in its capital stock by any delinquent shareholder on the shareholders' books of such bank, or if any bank failing to pay in full capital stock and refusing to liquidate as provided by this act, within three months after receiving notice from the Banking Board, a resolution may be passed to liquidate the business of the bank according to the provisions of this act, provided that if any shareholder or shareholder of such bank neglects or refuses after three months notice to pay the amount as provided herein, it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors.

rectors to cause a sufficient amount of the capital stock of such shareholder or shareholders be sold at public auction, (upon thirty (30) days' notice to be given by posting such notice of sale in the Office of the bank, or by publishing it in a newspaper of general circulation in each municipality of the Virgin Islands), to make good the deficiency and the balance, if any, shall be returned of such delinquent shareholder or shareholders. No bank shall make a new issue of stock until all stock previously issued shall have been released.

Register of Shares

Section 11. All shares shall be recorded in a book which shall be kept for that purpose by each bank at its main office, in which book entry shall also be made of all subsequent transfers of said shares. Each certificate of stock shall contain a statement showing the par value of each share, and the amount paid thereon. Provided, that this section shall not apply to foreign banks.

Transfer of Stock

Section 12. It is provided that the interest of a bank in the prompt release of its shares shall be a condition of directors may resolve to make for the immediate payment of any amount due on the stock (as may be determined by the court) the place of payment shall be the place of the general meeting.

Shareholders

Section 13. If any shareholder or shareholder or shareholders, after three days' notice in writing, shall be the duty of the bank to cause a sufficient amount of such stock of such shareholder to be sold at public auction by posting notice of sale in the Office of the Bank or by publishing it in a newspaper of general circulation in each municipality of the Virgin Islands, to make good the deficiency and the balance, if any, shall be returned of such delinquent shareholder or shareholders.

Section 15. (a) No bank or foreign bank shall be established under the same name as that already used by another institution, or so nearly similar thereto as to lead to confusion, but when a bank ceases doing active business it may transfer or assign to another bank the right to use its name; Provided, That no bank shall use the name of any bank which has ceased to do business, unless it previously incorporates under such name or changes its own in accordance with the provisions of this Act; Provided, further, That if the assignment is made to a foreign banking corporation, the said foreign banking corporation shall not use the same name without having first filed its certificate of incorporation and without having complied with the other provisions of this Act. And, provided further, That the fact of such transfer or change of name, shall be published at least three times a week for a period of at least three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in each municipality of the Virgin Islands.

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(e) The directors of a bank, as long as long as they observe the rules of the mandate vested in them by law, shall be exempt from personal liability, either separately or jointly, for their acts as directors of the corporation. Provided, that if losses are incurred through wilful violation of the laws or the statutes of the bank, or through wilful infraction of any lawful resolution adopted at its general meetings, the directors responsible for such violation or infraction shall be jointly liable for such losses to the amount of the shares in the deposit plus expenses which equal to said amount. However, that this section shall not apply to directors of banks not organized under the laws of the Virgin Islands.

(f) Every bank shall hold at least one regular general meeting of its stockholders each year, and such other special meetings as may be necessary or as may be requested by petition of stockholders owning twenty (20) per cent of the capital of the bank at the time of the year. The time and manner of holding regular and special meetings shall be provided in the charter of the bank. The board of directors shall consist of not more than one-third of the stockholders.

(g) Every banking corporation, or other bank, or other financial institution, which is organized under the laws of the Virgin Islands, shall provide that, before beginning its operations in the Virgin Islands, it shall file with the Office of the Government Secretary an authenticated copy of its charter or articles of incorporation, and a statement verified by the president of the corporation.

of the Government Secretary a certificate of the appointment of an agent residing in the Virgin Islands or a certificate of the revocation of such appointment of the resident agent, shall pay to the Government Secretary a fee of twenty-five (\$25) dollars.

(d) The fee for furnishing a certified copy of any of the documents referred to in the preceding sub sections of this section shall be fifty (\$0.50) cents per folio, but not less than five (\$5) dollars.

(e) All fees paid under the provisions of this section shall be accounted for and covered into the Treasury of the Virgin Islands.

Annual Licenses

Section 20. Every bank or foreign bank at present doing business in the Virgin Islands, or that may hereafter be established in the Virgin Islands, shall obtain from the Banking Board of the Virgin Islands, on or before the 31st day of December of each calendar year, a license to do business in the Virgin Islands for the succeeding calendar year, upon payment of the following fees:

(a) Banks with authorized capital and reserve funds exceeding \$50,000 to \$100,000 shall pay a fee of two hundred dollars.

(b) Banks with authorized capital and reserve funds exceeding \$100,000 shall pay a fee of five hundred dollars.

Every bank shall maintain a reserve fund of not less than twenty (20) per cent of its deposits, except deposits of the Government, secured by actual collateral. Said reserve shall be composed of the following:

1. Not less than six and two-thirds ($6\frac{2}{3}$) per cent of said obligations shall consist of lawful money of the United States.
2. Not more than three and one-third ($3\frac{1}{3}$) per cent of said obligations may consist of checks on banks or trust companies located in any part of the Virgin Islands, to be presented for collection during the day following that on which they are received.
3. Ten (10) per cent shall consist of money deposited in other banks provided that said deposits are authorized by the Banking Board of the Virgin Islands, subject to immediate collection. The remaining eighty (80) per cent of the total amount of demand liabilities shall be kept by the bank or foreign bank in personal or other fully guaranteed securities due in a term of not more than one hundred and eighty days.

The Banking Board of the Virgin Islands shall not permit any bank or foreign bank whose legal residence is outside the Virgin Islands to be required by this Act of its assets to the full amount of its liabilities within a period of thirty days after the date of its liquidation. If the bank is a member of the Virgin Islands, the Banking Board may order the liquidation of the bank.

Any bank or foreign bank may be required to maintain a reserve of its paid-up capital or assets or securities of its assets in the Virgin Islands. This restriction shall not apply to any bank or document secured by collateral worth at least twenty-five (25%) per cent more than the amount of the

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stock, nor shall it purchase and hold its own stock, unless such security or purchase is necessary to prevent losses because of a debt previously contracted in good faith; and the stock so purchased or acquired shall be sold at public or private sale within the term of one year from the date of purchase. The directors or the manager of any bank or foreign bank who violate the provisions of this paragraph, shall be guilty of misdemeanor and shall be fined in an amount equal at least to the par value of the stock purchased or acquired in violation of this provision.

(C) No bank or foreign bank, or any director, officer, agent or employee thereof shall purchase, or be in any way directly or indirectly interested in the purchase of any promissory note or other negotiable paper issued by said bank (shares and bonds issued by said bank excepted) for a lesser price than that for which it is drawn or for less than the market value. Any bank or foreign bank violating this provision shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined by a fine in a sum amounting to three times the face value of the instrument so purchased.

(D) No director, officer, agent or employee of a bank or foreign bank shall obtain or attempt to obtain, for himself or for any other person, any loan or advance from a foreign bank. Any person violating the provisions of this paragraph shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined in an amount equal at least to twice the amount of the loan or advance so obtained. Any officer, agent or employee of a bank or foreign bank who grants or attempts to grant any loan or advance to any person, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined in an amount equal to twice such loan or advance, and by imprisonment for a term not to exceed one year.

Any bank or foreign bank certifying or endorsing any check or other negotiable instrument, shall be liable for any loss or damage caused by the cashing of such instrument, unless the bank or foreign bank, at the time such check or other instrument is cashed, has on deposit with the bank, an amount not less than the amount specified in such

check. Any check so certified by duly authorized officers shall be a valid obligation against such bank or foreign bank when in the hands of any person holding such check in good faith; but any director, officer, agent or employee of any bank or foreign bank who knowingly acts in violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a felony and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or by imprisonment for more than five years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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agents or employees of the bank or foreign bank doing business in the Virgin Islands to violate any of the provisions of sections 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 of this Act, the license of the bank may be cancelled by the Banking Board, which may declare such bank in liquidation. Such violation, however, shall be determined and adjudged by the District Court in a suit brought for that purpose by the United States Attorney at the instance and in the name of the Banking Board of the Virgin Islands before the association shall be declared dissolved. And in the event of such violation, every director who participated in or assented to the same, shall be held liable in his personal and individual capacity for all damages which the bank, its shareholder or any other person shall have sustained in consequence of such violation.

Reports

Section 28 (a) Every bank or foreign bank shall make its bank statement each year to the Banking Commission or some designated by the Board and send same to be prescribed by the Board of the President and directors, certifying and stating with that each copy has been examined by the facts stated therein are true.

(b) Any person who shall print and pub-
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a week for three weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in each municipality of the Virgin Islands.

(c) The Banking Board shall also have power to call for special reports from any bank or foreign bank whenever in its judgment the same are necessary in order to obtain a full knowledge of its condition.

(d) Any bank or foreign bank which fails to make, transmit and publish any report required under this section shall be subject to a penalty of ten (\$10) dollars per day for each day's delay after the period specified in said section, provided, that any bank or foreign bank shall be deemed to have transmitted said statement to the said Banking Board on and after the day when such bank shall have deposited the same in a United States Post Office in any town in the Virgin Islands, and shall be subject to said Banking Board postage stamp and registered.

(e) Any person who shall willfully and knowingly write to or make or cause to be made any statement, or enter any false report or statement in the book of any bank or foreign bank or knowingly enter in the book of any bank or foreign bank a false report or statement, or knowingly enter into the book of any bank or foreign bank a false report or statement, or knowingly enter into the book of any bank or foreign bank a false report or statement, shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year.

(f) Any person who shall willfully and knowingly cause to be made any statement, or enter any false report or statement in the book of any bank or foreign bank or knowingly enter into the book of any bank or foreign bank a false report or statement, or knowingly enter into the book of any bank or foreign bank a false report or statement, shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year.

its charter or any law relative thereto, or if it becomes insolvent, the Banking Board shall apply to the District Court for the appointment of a receiver to take charge of and wind up the affairs of such bank.

(b) If, the Court, after hearing all parties concerned, shall determine that the facts alleged by the Banking Board are supported by the evidence, it shall appoint a receiver, who, upon his appointment shall, under the direction of the Banking Board, take possession of the assets and liabilities, books, records, papers and files of every description belonging to said bank, and shall collect all loans, fees, and claims of the bank, and see to the payment of its obligations and debts, and to the necessary expenses of receivership. He shall proceed to liquidate the affairs of the bank as soon as possible, and to this end may sell the personal and real property and other assets of the bank, subject to the approval of the Banking Board. And such receiver shall continue to perform his duties until such bank or foreign bank is fully liquidated.

Sect. 1. The corporation shall be dissolved
because of the expiration of the term fixed
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any such newspaper, said notice to be to the effect that the bank is in liquidation and notifying its creditors to present to the bank their claims for payment.

(c) During the period of liquidation of a bank, the management thereof shall make no new contracts or obligations unless authorized to do so by the Banking Board, its powers being limited as liquidator, to the collection of debts, extinguishment of obligations as they mature, and performance of such operations as may then be pending.

(d) Within thirty days after the beginning of the period of liquidation of a bank, the management thereof shall take an inventory of the assets and liabilities, and shall strike a balance, a copy of which shall be sent by mailing to the Banking Board and to each stockholder, and shall submit the same to a general meeting of stockholders for their examination.

(e) Before entering into the discharge of their duties as such, the liquidators shall furnish such bonds as may be fixed by the Banking Board, and the stockholders shall fix the compensation to be paid to the said liquidators for their services.

(f) The liquidator shall make a monthly statement of the condition of the liquidation and of the assets and liabilities, which shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in each municipality of the State.

(g) The liquidator shall be answerable to the bank management in the discharge of his duties.

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(i) Stockholders shall have the right to demand from the liquidator any information.

tion of interest to them as to the liquidation and pending operations to the bank but they may not demand a distribution of the capital of the bank until all the obligations thereof shall have been satisfied, or the amount of the said obligations has been provided for in a manner satisfactory to the Banking Board, if the same cannot be paid in cash.

(j) During the term of liquidation of a bank, the provisions of its by-laws shall be observed as regards calling regular and special general meetings of stockholders for the purpose of reporting the progress of the liquidation and taking such action as may be deemed best for the interest of all concerned.

(k) The books and papers of a bank in liquidation shall remain under the custody of the liquidators until the full liquidation and settlement with each and every person interested in any way in the assets thereof shall have been made. Whereby they shall be deemed to be in the custody of the Board and the Banking Board may determine what this section shall entitle to the books.

Section 10. In any action, suit, or proceeding, paragraph 10 of the act of 1907, for any reason, the court shall have the right to decide the merits of the controversy and shall not be bound by the decision of the liquidators.

Codified in the Laws of the State of Hawaii, 1907, Chapter 10, Section 10.

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| Mr. Brown | absent | Mr. W. Hodge | Yea |
| Mr. Chase | Yea | Mr. Jacobs | " |
| Mr. Downing | " | Mr. McFarlane | " |
| Mr. Forbes | " | Mr. Neayer | " |
| Mr. Gordon | " | Mr. Otley | absent |
| Mr. Harrigan | " | Mr. Speck | Yea |
| Mr. Harris | " | Mr. Spruue | " |
| Mr. L. Hodge | abstained | Mr. Wulff | " |

The following item, reported out for passage, failed to receive a two-thirds majority vote as required by the Organic Act and Rules of Business:

Bill No. 18, a Law Governing Travel for Members of the Legislative Assembly Beyond the Limits of the Virgin Islands, and for other Purposes.

On May 12, the Assembly heard Mr. Ralph Cairns, who spoke on his experiences in the United States and the room business and other matters of importance in the Virgin Islands.

After a discussion of the bill, the Assembly voted

to vote
on May 13, 1900

W. L. Forbes

The fifteenth ^{Proceedings} Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands 1950 Session

The 15th Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands was convened by Governor De Castro, by call dated June 5, 1950, and amended July 6, 12 and 26, 1950 to convene at 10:00 O'clock A.M., Monday August 7, 1950.

The session was duly opened pursuant to call by outgoing Chairman, W. L. M. Hodge. The Chairman of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John and the Municipal Council of St. Croix presented orally credentials certified that their full memberships were qualified to participate in the proceedings of the Assembly. The Roll was called revealing the following members present:

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| Mr. Omar Brown | Present | Mr. Frank E. Jacobs | Present |
| Mr. S. Christian Chase | Present | Mr. Alva C. McFarlane | " |
| Mr. Sebastian A. Groves | " | Mr. Ruben Meazer | " |
| Mr. Roy P. Gordon | " | Mr. B. B. Oltley | " |
| Mr. Ludwig E. Harrison | " | Mr. J. V. Richards | Absent |
| Mr. Oswald E. Harris | " | Mr. J. M. Skroch | Present |
| Mr. Louis E. Hodge | " | Mr. J. M. Spence | " |
| Mr. Walter J. M. Hodge | " | Mr. George C. Muff | " |

The Secretary read the Proclamation convening the 15th Session of the Assembly.

Honorable Chairman;
Honorable Members;
Honorable Secretary and Honorable
Sebastian A. Groves and Honorable
the members.

Governor of the Virgin Islands,
the Islands, St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix,
August 7, 1950. I am pleased to inform you by
radio that the session of the Assembly has
been opened.

Address of Governor of the Virgin Islands to the
Fifteenth Legislative Assembly, August 7, 1950

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is an honor and privilege to be responsible and
to be responsible for the future of the Virgin Islands today.
I am conscious of the importance of this first

Appearance before this honorable body of legislators in my capacity as Governor of the Virgin Islands. As this session of the Fifteenth Legislative Assembly opens with a full agenda of important bills, I think you and I have a splendid opportunity to demonstrate, through the use of sober judgment, critical analysis, and constructive action, that the people of the Virgin Islands are fully capable of self-government.

I should like my annual message to the Legislative Assembly to be something more than a review of the Legislative items to be considered. I want this message to be a report to you and, through you, to the people of the Islands, on what we are doing and what should be done for the political, economic, and social betterment of the Islands.

Let us first agree that to provide good, honest government there is a great deal of work to be done. If our government is to be administered efficiently, the executive must rightly shoulder responsibility for planning, organizing, controlling and executing the machinery of legislation duly enacted.

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planning state awaiting enactment on the Omnibus Appropriation Bill now being considered by the United States Senate. These projects will enable us to remodel and modernize our airport facilities.

I shall now report on bills before Congress. From observations and contacts I made on my several trips to Washington, I am convinced that there is no possibility of the bill to provide a Resident Commissioner for the Virgin Islands being acted upon favorably this year. I did my utmost, with the cooperation of the Department of the Interior, to secure a Rule for the consideration of this Bill in the House of Representatives, but to no avail. The move to provide Guam and Samoa with Organic Acts seems to have raised considerable question in regard to territorial representation in Congress.

Although the possibility is remote for favorable consideration in the next session of the Congress, our efforts for its enactment will not be discontinued.

Most unfortunately, I must also report no progress on the bill to return to the Virgin Islands the government of the United States. I entered into the question on my first trip to Washington and have since made a determined effort to have it considered and introduced in the House of Representatives. It is now favorably if not actually introduced in the House of Representatives.

On outstanding issues in the Virgin Islands, that it is the bill pending in the House of Representatives in connection with the bill for the establishment of a new court system in the Virgin Islands.

We are far from the point of enactment of the bill.

Both the House of Representatives and the Senate have passed the bill. The Department of the Interior is now working on the bill.

and we are fortunate that this Committee has reported it out favorably. I have been actively soliciting support from members of the House Appropriations Committee so that the project may not be lost in conference. I hold very little hope, however, that it will go through in this time of national crisis. Should it go through, one million dollars would be available for the dredging of the Harbor of St. Thomas and our seawall projects could be enlarged considerably. Authorization for harbor improvements at Christiansted, St. Croix, has been provided for in the Rivers and Harbors Bill this year. I shall follow through on this authorization until the funds are appropriated.

A bill has been signed by the President to enable the government of the Virgin Islands to undertake slum clearance, urban redevelopment and low cost housing activities. Under the program of urban housing, we have a reservation for 350 units of low cost housing for our three islands representing the initial two-year program of the six-year schedule to construct 6,050 units at an estimated cost of \$3,150,000. We should submit a program of \$115,000 from the Federal Housing Administration for preparing preliminary and architectural plans.

In connection with the low cost housing, where the Federal Housing Administration is providing aid, we are now submitting a program for 725 units on St. John at a cost of \$2,200,000. In connection with the urban redevelopment program, we are submitting a program of \$175,000 for

a reservation for the purchase of land required for

to make recommendations

President of the Hospital who is in St. John.

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for a study of our program of elementary and secondary education to see if they are meeting the needs of the community. This survey, to be conducted in September, will be correlated with a survey of our school plant for the construction of new schools for which we expect federal appropriations this year.

The Virgin Islands Corporation has this year advanced the sugar industry of St. Croix beyond the highest expectations. There is now no known industry to replace the sugar industry of St. Croix. We must work for an increase in our sugar quota so that we may make the sugar industry a profitable one. This year's activities have shown that it can be done by increasing the water table of the island of St. Croix, by use of fertilizers, and by modern methods of cultivation. We are depending on the transfer of our agricultural program to the Department of Agriculture for a balanced program of agricultural development. I have had and will continue to hold conferences with community leaders in both municipalities on the problems of the islands. I believe that we can develop a program for the improvement of the islands by encouraging small business and the development of the skills necessary for industrial development.

A study of the administrative organization of the Virgin Islands has shown the need for such activities as the coordination of the Legislative and Executive branches of government and the development of our

we need to obtain the best possible results from our employees. I have used the results of past studies as a basis for the development of all who are interested in the work that

is before you, I ask that you keep constantly in mind the necessity of gradually reducing our dependence on the United States. As self-respecting and patriotic Americans citizens, we want to and must keep in sight our ultimate goal of self-support. Self-government and self-support should go hand in hand. We cannot expect the federal government to grant us complete control of our governmental operations unless we demonstrate our ability to govern ourselves well and to operate our governmental services economically and efficiently.

I have given you an accounting of my stewardship during the past four and a half months, as well as a declaration of my policy on issues that confront us. It may be said that a fair test of the success of a government executive may be found in his relations with the legislative body. Conflict between the two branches of government might well confine both branches to a fruitless and sterile administration. In these trying times we need statesmanship, human understanding, and my respect for this legislative body does not mean that I should not express my views forcibly and definitely. Your respect for my opinions does not mean that I should withhold all your skill. We solemnly

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The list of correspondence during the period from the last session was read for the information of the members.

The Legislative Assembly then proceeded to a first reading and opened discussion on all the bills appearing on the Agenda.

On conclusion of first reading and discussions on August 16th, the Assembly reserved itself in Committee of the Whole in order to give closer study to all bills and other matters before the Body and to work out amendments necessary. During Committee of the Whole, several conferences were held by the Assembly with His Excellency, the Governor of the Virgin Islands, officials of the Federal Housing Administration and Heads of local Departments.

On Monday, September 11, 1950, the Assembly resumed public session following public notice thereof as required by the Rules of Business.

Dropped from the Agenda of the Association and thus failing to receive consideration at this session were the following measures:

An Act to Provide for the Licensing of Premises with the Public Amusement System in the Virgin Islands for the purpose of

An Act to Establish a Department of Labor and for other purposes

A Law to Amend the Constitution of the Office of the Virgin Islands

An Act to Amend the Constitution of the Maximum Wage Act for the purpose of

A Law to Amend the Constitution of the Days of the Virgin Islands.

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An Act to Amend the Constitution of the Virgin Islands upon the basis of the recommendations of the Commission on the Virgin Islands and the Federal Government and that of the United Nations of World War II.

Resolution Petitioning the Secretary of the Interior to Retire Harry E. Hayles, Administrator for St. Croix upon completion of his 70th Birthday.

Resolution Petitioning the Virgin Islands Corporation to Allocate Funds to Assist the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John in the Establishment of Small Industries.

An Act for the Conservation of Wildlife in the Virgin Islands and for other Purposes.

An Act to Amend the Speech-Gordon Banking Law of the Virgin Islands.

An Act to Provide for Examination, Licensure, and Regulation of Persons to Practice Nursing, to Provide for a Board of Nurse Regulation and Nursing Education and to Define the Powers and Duties of the Board, and also to Prescribe Penalties for Violation of the Provisions of this Act.

The Assembly adopted the following bills and resolutions by the vote indicated:

The Honorable Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands

Resolved, That the Honorable Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands do hereby recommend the Honorable Governor to call a Special Legislative Session of the Honorable Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands.

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discussions with, and obtain the views of, the Secretary of the Interior, the Governor of the Virgin Islands, and other responsible officials and groups on the amendments, and make suggestions to the Legislative Assembly for revision of the Organic Act in accordance with its public hearings and discussions.

2. The Committee shall consist of five members: the Chairman of the Legislative Assembly and two members of the Municipal Council of each Municipality elected by the Assembly.
- (a) In event of a vacancy or vacancies on said committee the respective Municipal Councils shall fill such vacancies from among the memberships of the Council from which the vacancy or vacancies occur.
3. The Council shall report its findings and suggestions to the Legislative Assembly at its first meeting in 1951.
4. The Municipal Councils shall appropriate the necessary funds for the necessary expenses, clerical help and other expenses of the Committee.

(15 years, member should serve, etc.)

Resolution

The Fifteenth Congress of the United States

1st Session 1917

Expressing the appreciation of the President of the United States to the Social Public

of the Virgin Islands have been recently the benefits and the social life of the Virgin Islands has been accepted by the Congress of the United States and made applicable to the Virgin Islands and the territories and

Island Possessions of the United States; and,

Whereas, The Virgin Islands, due to this consistent omission and the scarcity of natural resources, have been in great need of a social security program far beyond the ability of its constituent municipalities to afford; and,

Whereas, During the last few years, Title V of the Federal Social Security Act adopted by the Congress of the United States on August 14, 1935, including maternal and child health service, crippled children services, and child welfare services, was made applicable to the Virgin Islands, but was clearly inadequate to meet the wide-spread need for social security benefits existing in the islands; and,

Whereas, When Public Law 734, 81st. Congress, was before the Congress for hearings, a sub-committee of the Ways and Means Committee of the United States House of Representatives, under the capable chairmanship of Representative Sydney Camm, visited the Virgin Islands, held hearings and made a report in which the Committee highly recommended the application of the expanded social security program embodied in Public Law 734, 81st. Congress to the Virgin Islands;

Whereas, This recommendation was adopted by the Congress of the United States, and Public Law 734, 81st. Congress, was applied to the Virgin Islands by the Executive Order of the President of the United States, and the areas to be included therein;

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Whereas, The Congress of the United States, in its wisdom and appreciation to the needs of the Virgin Islands, included them in the much needed social security program embodied in the Act and desire, through their duly elected representatives in the legislative assembly, to so express

themselves to the Federal Government:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby Resolved by the Legislative Assembly in session assembled, That the People of the Virgin Islands, through the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, hereby express to the President and Congress of the United States their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for including the Virgin Islands in the aforementioned Titles of Public Law 734, 81st. Congress; and

Be It Further Resolved, and it is hereby further Resolved, That this Resolution be engrossed and forwarded to the President of the United States and the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States; and the copies thereof be transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior and the Governor of the Virgin Islands.

(15 year, Member Shared Account)

Resolution

The Fifteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

1st. Session 1950

Petitioning the President of the United States to take prompt action in response of the Government of the Virgin Islands in the establishment of a National Guard for the Virgin Islands.

Whereas, the Government of the Virgin Islands has been petitioned by the people of the Virgin Islands; and

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Whereas, The people of the Virgin Islands fully support the requests and urgent appeals of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the Federal Government for the establishment of units of the National Guard of the Virgin Islands, and through their elected representatives in the Legislative Assembly, desire to so express themselves;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, and it is hereby Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled, That the President and Congress of the United States are hereby petitioned to favorably respond to the urgent appeals and grant the request of the Government of the Virgin Islands to establish in the Virgin Islands units of the National Guard; and,

Be It Further Resolved and it is hereby further Resolved, That this Resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the President of the Senate of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Governor of the Virgin Islands.

(15 May, Member Shock Absent)

Resolution

The Legislative Assembly of the Virgin

Island, do hereby resolve that the people of the Virgin Islands, in their capacity as citizens of the United States, do hereby petition the President and Congress of the United States for the establishment of units of the National Guard of the Virgin Islands.

Whereas, the people of the Virgin Islands, in the year 1930, have been suffering from economic depression, and,

Whereas, the people of the Virgin Islands, beginning in the year 1930, have managed to establish a firm foundation and to develop a service and on island (part of the people of the Virgin Islands and on island) and,

Whereas, Although for several years the Daily News has been the only newspaper doing business in the municipality of St. Thomas and St. John its managers and publishers have zealously maintained a profound sense of fairplay and carefully avoided the excesses common to, and easily indulged by, monopolies; and

Whereas, The significance of the role this paper has played during the last twenty years in shaping the ideas on which the political, social, economic and educational trends of the islands are based is difficult to overestimate; and,

Whereas, When on August 1st, 1950, the Daily News issued a comprehensive edition in commemoration of its completion of twenty years of service to the community, the people of the Virgin Islands in appreciation, recognition and gratitude for the work this paper has done and is still doing, demonstrated in no uncertain ways their sentiments through the paper, personal and direct expressions to the staff of that paper and the radio; and,

Whereas, The Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands deems it appropriate and necessary in behalf of the people of the Virgin Islands, to adopt the words of commendation and appreciation for the twenty years of exceptional service of the Daily News to the People of the Virgin Islands;

Now, Therefore, It is hereby resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, in commemoration of the twenty years of service of the Daily News of St. Thomas and St. John to the people of the Virgin Islands, that the following words of gratitude for the service of the Daily News be recorded in the minutes of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands during its session commencing on the 1st day of August, 1950:

Be it further resolved, that the staff of this paper and the staff of the radio will find encouragement in the words of the people, and

Be it further resolved and it is hereby further resolved,

That this Resolution be engrossed and presented to the Editor of the Daily News, Ariel Melchior, in such manner and at such time as the Legislative Assembly may decide.

(12 Yeas, Honorable Gordon, Walter Hodge and Gordon
Speoch Absent; Hon. Earle B. Otley Abstaining)

Resolution

The Fifteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States.

1st. Sesión 1950

Petitioning the Veterans Administration in Washington, D. C. to Place A Qualified Native of the Virgin Islands at the Head of the Veteran Administration in the Virgin Islands.

Whereas, During World War II, a branch of the Veterans Administration was established in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, to administer matters of interest to war veterans coming in or passing through the Virgin Islands;

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Now, therefore, I do Ordain and Enact by Resolution
of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands

in session assembled, that the Veterans Administration Office in Washington, D. C., is hereby petitioned to appoint a qualified native Virgin Islands war veteran to head the Veterans Administration Office in the Virgin Islands; and,

Be It Further Resolved and it is hereby further Resolved that this Resolution be forwarded to the Veterans Administration Office in Washington, D. C., and a copy thereof be transmitted to the Governor of the Virgin Islands.

(15 Years, Hon Earle B. Otley Absent)

Resolution

The Fifteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

1st. Session 1950

Authorizing a Legislative Delegation to attend the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, Beach Hotel, Chicago, Illinois!

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Whereas, the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands has been invited to participate in the conference known as the General Assembly of the States to be held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, on December 7, 8 and 9, 1950; and,

Whereas, the General Assembly of the States is composed of representatives of the legislatures of the States and is a forum for the discussion of state and national matters;

Whereas, the Governor of the Virgin Islands has been invited to attend the General Assembly of the States and to participate in the discussion of state and national matters; and,

Whereas, This Conference will be of inestimable value to the legislative body, and the people of the Virgin Islands, by giving to our representatives close contact with law-makers throughout the nation, intimate acquaintance with common problems and the knowledge and capacity to enact laws to fit the needs of our people:

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, and it is hereby Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled:

1. A delegation of four (4) members, two from each municipality, elected by the Legislative Assembly from among its memberships, is authorized to represent the Virgin Islands at the General Assembly, sponsored by the Council of State Government, at Chicago, on December 7, 8 and 9, 1955.
2. The delegates shall receive subsistence of twenty dollars per day for each day for seven days in addition to actual traveling expenses to and from Chicago.
3. The delegates shall submit a written report to the Legislative Assembly at its next session in 1956.

(A copy here, signed and sealed absent.)

The Virgin Islands

By _____ of the People
Governor, Queen's and
the First

Whereas, From 17 years after such pioneering investment of time, capital and effort, succeeded in establishing the first station in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, and

Whereas, This station is now in the Virgin

Islands new horizons and great possibilities for the educational, social and cultural uplift of the people of the Virgin Islands; and,

Whereas, the great significance of this addition in the life of the people of the Virgin Islands can be better seen when it is realized that no less than ninety-five percent of the radio listening time of the people of the Virgin Islands and adjacent Caribbean area, prior to the establishment of W. STA, was of necessity tied up in hearing Spanish programs although an overwhelming majority of the people of said islands and area speak and understand English Language only; and,

Whereas, William M. Green has so far demonstrated the rare qualities of being a hard-working, sincere and unselfish member of the community as was very clearly manifested during the imminent danger of a serious hurricane threatening the Virgin Islands during the month of August and September, 1950 and particularly on the night of August 22nd, during which time Mr. Green supervised the station W. STA. throughout the night and until the danger had ceased to exist; and,

Whereas, for the important reasons that Mr. Green has created for facilitating and promoting the educational, social, and cultural uplift and advancement of the people of the Virgin Islands, the Legislature has deemed it appropriate to express its appreciation of the people of the Virgin Islands through this resolution;

Now, therefore, the Legislature of the Virgin Islands do hereby resolve that the Legislature do hereby express its appreciation and commendation to the operator of Station W. STA. for the fast and efficient manner in which he has been operating the station and for the important and useful service rendered by him in operating the station continuously throughout

the hurricane danger that threatened the islands during August and September, 1950.

Be it further Resolved and it is hereby further Resolved, That during the present session of the Legislative Assembly this Resolution be engrossed and presented to William M. Greer in an appropriate manner to be determined by the the Legislative Assembly, and that a copy thereof be transmitted to the Governor of the Virgin Islands.

(14 Yeas, Hons Skeoch and Sprauve Absent.)

Resolution

The Fifteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the United States

Session 1950

Petitioning the United Congress of the United States to authorize the United States Treasury of the Virgin Islands of the United States under the Internal Revenue laws of the United States on Articles Produced in the Virgin Islands and transported to the United States of America.

Whereas the United States Treasury of the Virgin Islands of the United States is authorized to collect Internal Revenue Tax from the United States of America;

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public services, departments and democratic institutions, this situation must be rectified immediately:

Now, Therefore be it Resolved and it is hereby Resolved, by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session Assembled, That the Congress of the United States be and is hereby petitioned to enact legislation to authorize payment into the Treasury of the Virgin Islands of all taxes collected on liquors and articles produced in the Virgin Islands and transported to the United States; and

Be it further Resolved and it is hereby further Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Majority Leaders of the Senate and House, Chairman of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, Chairman of the House Public Lands Committee, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, The Department of the Interior, The Director of the Division of Territories and Island Possessions, The Governor of the Virgin Islands, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, and the Chairman of the House Committee of the Virgin Islands.

(13 Yeas, Hon. Richards, Sherris and Speaker, absent)

Resolution

The Fifteenth Legislature of the Virgin Islands of

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Whereas, the Legislature of the Virgin Islands is contemplating adopting legislation to implement and carry out the policy of the Government of the United States and the development of the Virgin Islands, and legislation to inaugurate, develop and support a program of scientific and studies planning for community welfare; and

Whereas, members of the Legislative Assembly are sympathetic to the expressed objectives outlined in both acts and developed and emphasized by the experts in these fields who have appeared before the Assembly, but are in need and desirous of obtaining additional data and on-the-spot orientation in the practical operation of these programs; and,

Whereas, it is believed by the Assembly that such information will be of invaluable assistance to the inhabitants of the Virgin Islands in any attempt to implement these programs locally; and,

Whereas, in view of the foregoing, it is deemed by the Legislative Assembly to be necessary and significant to dispatch a delegation from among its members to the islands of Puerto Rico to study the operation of these types of legislation in that island and report back to the entire body, for the enlightenment of the Assembly as a whole in considering for adoption any legislation in these fields in future sessions of the Legislative Assembly:

Now, therefore, be it enacted, and it is hereby Resolved, by the Legislative Assembly in session assembled,

1. A delegation of four members, two from each group, be and is hereby authorized to visit the island of Puerto Rico on or before December 15, 1955, to study the operation of legislation in that island of the type outlined in the acts and the Puerto Rico Economic Development Act, and shall gather all pertinent data and make observations for the purpose of making a report to the Legislative Assembly. Each member of the delegation shall receive a per diem allowance of fifteen (\$15) dollars, for each day spent in the island of Puerto Rico, in addition to actual travel expenses and from the Island of Puerto Rico; and,

Be it further enacted, and it is hereby further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be

forwarded to the Governor of the Virgin Islands.

(13th Dec, Hons. Richards, Skeoch and Sprauve, Absent)

Resolution

The Fifteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the United States.

1st Session 1950

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Petitioning the 81st Congress of the United States to Amend the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to Provide for a Resident Commissioner from the Virgin Islands.

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Whereas, On April 1, 1949, the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 2988) to provide for a Resident Commissioner from the Virgin Islands, recommended that the bill be favorably acted upon; and,

Whereas, Although the Congress of the United States recognizes the justice and propriety of providing representation to the Virgin Islands, and although the Congress has endeavored to extend this privilege to other territories, and,

Whereas, The Congress of the United States is aware that the People of the Virgin Islands are a distinct and politically alert people desiring a measure of self-government; and,

Whereas, The People of the Virgin Islands have repeatedly petitioned the Congress of the United States for such representation; and,

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, That the Congress of the United States be and it is hereby petitioned, to amend the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to Provide for a Resident Commissioner from the Virgin Islands; and,

Be it further Resolved, and it is hereby further resolved, That this Resolution be forwarded to

the Congress of the United States and that copies thereof be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the Division of Territories and Island Possessions and the Governor of the Virgin Islands and that same be widely publicized.

(14 Yeas, Hon. Skeoch and Muff, Absent)

Bill No. I

The Fifteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the United States.

1st Session 1950

An Act to Provide Equal Rights in Places of Public Accommodations, Resorts or Amusement.

Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled.

Statement of Public Policy

Section 1. Whereas, it is the cultural and democratic ideal of the people of the Virgin Islands to secure the physical and civil rights of all people and to provide all men according to their individual merit without regard to race, color, or national origin.

Now, therefore, it is declared to be the public policy of the Virgin Islands that all natural persons residing in the Virgin Islands shall have equal access to the public facilities and accommodations of the Virgin Islands and that no person shall be denied the right of access to any public facility or accommodation on the basis of race, color, or national origin. In order to implement this public policy, it is the intent of this Act to prevent and prohibit discrimination in any form, based on race, color, or national origin, whether practiced directly or indirectly, or by subterfuge in any and all places of public accommodation, resort, or amusement.

Section 2. Construction: The Courts shall construe this Act liberally in furtherance of the above declaration.

Section 3. Definitions: As used in this Act ---

(a) The term "person" shall mean any individual, partnership, corporation, institution, association, department or agency of the municipal government of the Virgin Islands or the Officers and employees thereof of any of the foregoing.

(b) "Places of public accommodations, resort or amusement" shall be deemed to be any place where food or drink is sold, or rooms rented, or any charge is made for admission or services, or occupancy, or use of any property or facilities, including but not limited to inns, hotels, (whether conducted for the entertainment of transient guests or for the accommodation of those seeking health, recreation, or rest), taverns, road houses, rooming houses, restaurants, eating houses, or any place where food is sold for consumption on the premises, buffets, saloons, barrooms, parks or pleasure grounds, where food, spirituous or malt liquors, wine, soft drinks, or beer are sold; bathing, swimming, beaches, barber shops, beauty parlors, manicure parlors, drink parlors of all kinds, change of dress, gardening, amusement and recreation grounds, theaters, golf courses, public and private swimming pools, public conveyances operated on land or water or in the air as well as any terminal or terminals thereof, or any hospital, sanitarium, dispensary or infirmary.

(c) "Discrimination" shall mean discrimination based on race, color, or national origin.

Section 4. All persons within the jurisdiction of the Government of the Virgin Islands shall be entitled to the full and equal enjoyment of the advantages, facilities, privileges, and accommodations of any place of public accommodation, resort or amusement, subject only to the conditions and regulations established by law and applicable alike to all persons; and it shall be unlawful for any person, being the owner, manager, proprietor, lessee, superintendent, agent, or employee of any place of public accommodations,

resort or amusement, directly or indirectly or by subterfuge, to withhold from or deny to any other person any of the accommodations, advantages, facilities or privileges thereof, or to adopt or pursue any custom, policy of non-membership discrimination or guest card requirement with respect to the operation or management of such place which is intended, calculated or designed to, or which shall have the effect of discriminating against any other person by reason of non-membership in a club or on account of race, creed, color or national origin.

Section 5. Hereafter, no later than January 15 of each year, any person or incorporated or unincorporated association of individuals, maintaining, owning, leasing, possessing, or operating any club facilities, consisting of physical property such as land, beach, or buildings shall file with the Government Secretary a statement of what licenses he or it holds to sell liquor, food or drink, or to rent rooms, or a charge for any other use or occupancy of property or facility or service, or beach together with a statement of what articles, if any, are rented, what other facilities he provides and maintains for charges, and a copy of its constitution and by-laws, including a list of all officers, directors and members of the association, all of which must be certified upon oath, and if any such person or association is guilty of any of the above, then the Government Secretary shall, upon affidavit of the person or association, and manager of the club, certify that there is no discrimination in such club or on account of race, color, or national origin or non-membership in such club, and that any person or association which is prohibited in any manner from using any facility, or property, or service is expressly prohibited to be a place of public resort or amusement within the spirit and meaning of this law and shall, upon determination of the Government Secretary or of the United States District Court, be registered as such in the file of the Government Secretary.

and provided further, that nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to prevent a reasonable difference in charges by parochial or denominational schools for tuition of members and non-members or preference in admission to members of the religious body maintaining the school.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the Director of Police of each respective municipality or his duly authorized representative, to make periodical inspections, at reasonable times, of all places of public accommodations, resort, or amusement, in order to see that the provisions of this law are complied with.

Section 7. Whenever in the opinion of the District Attorney, any person shall engage in any act, or adopt, or pursue any customs, policy, practice or requirement amounting in effect to a violation or evasion of this Act, it shall be his duty to procure a writ to show cause to issue out of the District Court requiring such person to appear before the District Court why the policies of such person should not be regarded as against public policy, and if the Court shall find that the act, policy, custom, practice, or requirement engaged in or adopted or pursued, violates any provision of this Act, the Court shall issue a writ of habeas corpus of such person revoked or suspended as against public policy.

Section 8. Any person, owner, manager, or employee of a place of public accommodation, resort, or amusement, who shall violate any provision of this Act or who shall be convicted of the violation of any of the said provisions shall be liable to a penalty of not less than five hundred (\$500) dollars to be recovered by the person aggrieved thereby or by any resident of the Virgin Islands to whom the person shall assign the cause of action. In addition, shall also, for each offense be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than five hundred (\$500) dollars or imprisoned for not more than ninety

(90) days or both. Every day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 9. In addition to any other penalties provided for herein, the license to conduct a business, or to sell any articles or facilities or services, of any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Act in connection with the said business may in the discretion of the Governor, after adequate notice and hearing, be revoked, suspended or its renewal denied.

Section 10. Should any section or sections or part of any section, or any single provisions or provisions of this Act be declared unconstitutional, illegal or void, by any competent court, it shall not effect the remaining provisions or sections or part of section and sections, as the case may be, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 11. This Act may be cited as the "Harris-Huggins Anti-Discrimination Act of 1950."

Section 12. All laws, ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

(15 Jan 1951)

Bill No. 2.

The Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States.

An Act to provide for the Islands Planning Board, and to provide for its duties and powers.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled:

Section 1. This Act may be cited as the Virgin Islands Planning Act.

Section 2. (a) There is hereby created the Virgin Islands Planning Board which shall be composed of five members, who shall be residents of the Virgin Islands, appointed by the Governor and with the advice of the Legislative Assembly or both Municipal Councils when the Legislative Assembly is not in session. They shall originally hold office for one, two, three years; two members for one year, two members for two years and one member for three years, respectively. Hereafter the term of each member of the Board shall be two years. The Governor may fill any vacancy on the Board in the manner aforesaid. Members of the Board shall be removable for cause by the Governor. All members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. The members of the Board shall serve without compensation but shall receive reimbursement for such reasonable expenses as may be incurred in the exercise of their duties.

(b) The Board shall elect its own Chairman. The Board may appoint, subject to the Merit System Law, such technical, clerical and other employees as may be required and within the appropriations available therefor; the Board may also contract temporarily without holding for the necessary services of any consultant or consultants.

The administrative expenses of the Board shall be provided generally by the Government, but may be provided by the Municipality unless such funds are provided by the Government.

Section 3. (a) It shall be the function and duty of the Board to prepare, recommend and general plans for the development and improvement of the Municipality of St. John, St. Thomas, St. John, respectively. Such plans shall be known as Master Plans and shall be adopted by the Municipality of St. John, St. Thomas, or St. John, as the case may be, provided, do the Board for the development of the respective municipalities.

(b) The Master Plan for each Municipality with any accompanying maps, charts, and explanatory matter, as may be deemed necessary, shall be prepared with the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted and harmonious development which will, in accordance with present and future needs and resources, best promote the health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity or the general welfare of the inhabitants as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development. It will include, among other things, such distribution of population and of the uses of land for urbanization, trade, industry, habitation, recreation, agriculture, forestry, domestic and industrial uses of water, power, irrigation and drainage, as will tend (a) to create conditions favorable to health, safety, transportation, prosperity, civil activities and recreational, educational and cultural opportunities; (b) to improve residential, commercial, recreational, manufacturing, communication, transportation, institutional, governmental and public utility facilities, and operations in suitable categories; (c) to reduce the waste of physical, financial or human resources, such as congestion, scattering of population, and (d) the possible future utilization and development for their and other purposes and for the general welfare.

Section 4. The Master Plan for the Planning Board, the Board of Planning or the Board of Development of each of the municipalities of St. Thomas and St. John and of any other shall be submitted to the Governor and to the respective Municipal Councils for approval. In the approval of a Plan or a part thereof, the Board shall have at least one written opinion on such plan, after reasonable notice thereof. The Master Plan, or any part thereof, or any amendment thereto shall become effective with approval by the Governor and the Municipal Council.

Section 5. The Board shall have the right to make any change in the use and development of land and in the

for such purposes as industry, trade, transportation, residences, public or semi-public and civic activities and recreation; height of buildings; the density of population; business and advertising signs; proportion of lots on which buildings may be constructed, and the sizes of lots and other open spaces.

Section 6. All zoning and other regulations or any part thereof or any amendments thereto, adopted by the Planning Board shall be subjected to the approval of the Governor and the respective Municipal Councils.

Section 7. For the purpose of supplying information to the Executive and Legislative Branches of the Government of the Virgin Islands as to the most effective and appropriate means of accomplishing those portions of the Master Plan that deal with expenditures for capital improvements and current expenses of the Government of the Virgin Islands, the Board shall annually prepare a five-year financial program. It shall be submitted by the Governor to the Municipal Councils at the same time that the Governor submits the annual budgets to said Councils.

Section 8. The Board may make, or request the Public Works Department to make, surveys for the purpose of determining the lines of new, proposed, or existing roads in the Virgin Islands, and the Board may cause to be an official map of the Virgin Islands which may be shown and used for reference at the time of the preparation of official maps and all new roads, land use regulations, or may be approved for submission to the Governor.

Section 9. The Master Plan shall be at the disposal of Municipal Councils, officials, as well as private individuals, upon approval of such Master Plan or any zoning regulations, the Municipal Council may make provision for their effective enforcement.

(14 years from adoption and by law)

Bill No 3.

The Fifteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the United States.

1st Session 1958

An Act to Provide Compensation for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Island in session assembled:

Section 1. For each formal or official session of the Legislative Assembly, members present shall receive compensation at the rate of ten (\$10) dollars per day or fraction thereof. Each member attending such session shall be entitled to the compensation herein provided for the period commencing on the day the session is officially convened, and ending on the day the session is officially adjourned. Provided that no member shall receive compensation for attending official sessions of the Legislative Assembly by virtue of this Act in excess of thirty (30) days per session. No member shall be entitled to the compensation herein provided for any day or days of any official session of the Legislative Assembly during which he has been absent without a reasonable excuse acceptable to an absolute majority of the members of the Assembly; provided, that certification of any voucher by the proper officer of the Assembly shall be accepted as conclusive that this provision has been complied with.

Section 2. The compensation herein provided shall be in addition to all other compensation, payments, and reimbursement to which members attending formal or official session of the Legislative Assembly are entitled for actual travel expenses, subsistence or otherwise.

Section 3. This Act shall be retroactive to include the session of the Legislative Assembly convened August 7, 1958.

Section 4. All Laws and ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

(13 Yeas. Hans. Gordon, Harris and Jacobs, Absent)

Bill No 4.

The Fifteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the United States

1st Session 1950

An Act Creating the Virgin Islands Tourist Development Board, Establishing and Defining its Duties and Powers, Establishing the Virgin Islands Tourist Development Fund, and for other Purposes.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled:

Section 1. For the purpose of the development of the tourist industry there is hereby created the Virgin Islands Tourist Development Board, hereinafter called the "Board" which is declared to constitute a corporate, legal instrumentality of the Government of the Virgin Islands.

Section 2. The Board shall —

(a) Encourage and assist the development of the tourist industry by maintaining close collaboration with the various territories and countries.

(b) Engage in and promote local promotional efforts.

(c) Exercise the duty of liaison between the tourist and local industry.

(d) Prepare and carry out advertising and publicity measures calculated to focus the attention of the travelling public upon the Virgin Islands.

(e) Encourage the provision of adequate passenger transportation services.

- (f) Provide expert advisory services on matters relating to hotel construction and operation, the provision of resort amenities, etc., and carrying out statistical and research relating to travel trends and tourist development for the benefit of the Virgin Islands.
- (g) Furnish the Caribbean Tourist Development Association all pertinent data relative to tourism in the Virgin Islands and cooperate with said association for the development of the tourist industry.

Section 3. The duties of the Board shall be exercised by eleven directors, at least five of whom shall be residents of each Municipality, and one member at large, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly, or the two Municipal Councils, when the Legislative Assembly is not in session. They shall hold office for a term of two years or until their successors are appointed and have qualified. The Governor shall, by appointment, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly, or the two Municipal Councils, when the Legislative Assembly is not in session, fill any vacancy on the Board for the unexpired term thereof. Members shall be removable by the Governor for neglect of duty or malfeasance in office. Seven members of the Board shall at all time constitute a quorum.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall serve without compensation but shall receive reimbursement of reasonable expenses as may be incurred in the performance of their duties.

Section 5. The Board of Directors may appoint such personnel as may be necessary to conduct its affairs. The Board may, in its discretion, acquire by gift, rent, purchase or otherwise, or title of any sort therein, including the structure or the improvement thereon or therein, and any kind of personal property, wheresoever or wherever located, for any purpose necessary or desirable in carrying out the purposes, powers and objects stated in this law.

Section 6. The Board is hereby authorized to make such rules and regulations and to adopt such procedures, not in conflict with this Act, as will effectuate the purposes of this Act.

Section 7. There is hereby created and established the Virgin Islands Tourist Development Fund hereinafter referred to as the "Fund" into which shall be deposited any money herein or hereafter appropriated to said Fund.

The Board may accept for such Fund, gifts, devises, bequests of property, real or personal, and appropriations from the Congress of the United States. The Fund shall be under the control of the Board and the financial affairs shall be conducted by its Treasurers who shall be appointed in accordance with the by-laws of the Board, such Treasurers shall be bonded in an amount to be determined by the Board. The accounts of the Fund shall be audited at least annually by the Public Auditor. The expenses of the Tourist Development Fund conducted under this law shall be borne equally by the two municipalities, with the purpose of benefitting the two municipalities equally.

Section 8. All laws, ordinances or parts thereof in conflict, particularly and specifically, Bill No. 16 of the Fifth Legislature, Council of St. John, and St. John's Board of Commissioners, creating the Tourist Development Fund, and establishing and defining its powers and functions, establishing a "Tourist Development Fund" and for other purposes approved by the Council of St. John, 1951, are hereby repealed.

Section 9. This law shall become effective sixty (60) days after approval by the Governor.

Section 10. This Act shall expire on June 30, 1952.

(2 years, 4 pages)

Bill No. 5.

The Fifteenth Legislature, Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the United States

1st Session 1950

An Act to Establish a Civil Defense Agency Within the Virgin Islands and for other Purposes.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled:

Section 1. This Act may be cited as the "Virgin Islands Civil Defense Act."

Section 2. (a) Because of the existing and increasing possibility of the occurrence of world disasters of unprecedented size and destructiveness resulting from hostile action, fire, as well as local disasters caused by hurricanes, or other natural causes, and in order to insure that preparation of the Virgin Islands will be adequate to deal with such disaster, there is hereby created a Civil Defense Agency of the Virgin Islands and a Director of Civil Defense (hereinafter called the "Director") who shall be the head of the Agency. The Director shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, and shall hold office for a term of two years, or until his successor is appointed and has qualified.

(b) The Director, subject to the direction and control of the Governor, shall be responsible for carrying out the program for civil defense of the Virgin Islands. He shall make, amend, and repeal, with the approval of the Governor, the regulations, with the provisions of this Act, and shall give consideration of the plans of the Government; and prepare and submit a comprehensive plan and program for the civil defense of the Virgin Islands.

Section 3. There is hereby created a Civil Defense Advisory Council of the Virgin Islands, (hereinafter called the "Council") comprised of not more than seven members, not less than 3 of whom shall be residents of the municipalities, who shall be appointed by the Governor for a period of three years. The Council shall advise the Governor and the Director on all matters pertaining to civil defense.

Bill No. 6.

The Fifteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the United States.

1st Session 1950

An Act to Provide Facilities for the Peaceful Settlement of Industrial Dispute through Mediation

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled:

Declaration of Policy

It is hereby declared to be the policy of the Virgin Islands to provide full and adequate facilities for the settlement of disputes between employers and their representatives through mediation.

Composition of Board

Section 1. There shall be a Board of Mediation, - hereinafter referred to as the Board, - advisory to the Government which shall be composed of three members, appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly, or the Municipal Council if the Assembly is not in session. The members of the Board shall serve for a term of two years and until their successors have been appointed and qualified. The members shall elect a Chairman of the Board who shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for their reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Funds for defraying the expenses of the Board shall be appropriated by the Municipal Council.

Powers of the Board

Section 2. (a) It shall be the duty of the Board, under the supervision of the Governor, in order to minimize the effect of labor disputes:

1. To promote conciliation and encourage the settlement of differences between representatives of

Vocational Education Act of 1946 to the "Virgin Islands" and the Act approval August 1, 1946, entitled "An Act to Amend the Act of June 8, 1936, relating to Vocational Educational, so as to provide for the further development of vocational education in the several States and Territories," and any Act or Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto.

Virgin Island Board For Vocational Education

Section 2. There is hereby created the Virgin Islands Board for Vocational Education. The Board shall consist of six citizens, three residing in the Municipality of St. Thomas & St. John, and three residing in the Municipality of St. Croix, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly, or of either Municipal Council, if the Assembly is not in session. The members of the Board shall hold office for a term of two years and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The members of the Board shall serve without compensation, but shall receive their actual expense of traveling and subsistence while away from their respective homes, communities to attend meetings or otherwise engage in authorized service for the Board.

Powers of Virgin Islands Board for Vocational Education

Section 3. The Virgin Islands Board for Vocational Education shall have all the necessary authority to: cooperate with the Federal Security Agency of the United States in the Administration of said Acts of Congress and of any legislation pursuant thereto enacted by the Legislative Assembly; and to do all things necessary to entitle the Virgin Islands to receive the benefits of all funds appropriated to the Virgin Islands under said Acts; to administer the funds provided by the Federal Government and the Virgin Islands under the provisions of the Acts for the promotion of vocational education; to appoint an Executive Director who shall be Secretary of the Board and who shall under the direction of the Board administer the vocational education programs and supervise and assist in carrying out the provisions

of this Act and to fix their compensation. All appointments other than that of the Executive Director shall be made upon the nomination of the Secretary of the Board. The salaries and traveling expenses of such director, supervisors, and assistants, and such other expenses as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, shall be paid upon the approval of the Board. The Board shall have full authority to formulate plans for the promotion of vocational education as an essential and integral part of the public school system of teachers, supervisors, and directors of vocational education subjects either in Puerto Rico or in one of the several States; and to expend Federal and Insular funds appropriated pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Acts for the promotion of vocational education and this Act, and any like supplementary funds, for any vocational educational purposes approved by the Federal Government. The Board shall have authority to make studies and investigations relating to vocational education; to promote and aid in the establishment by local communities of schools, departments, and vocational departments in vocational subjects; to cooperate with local communities and vocational departments and planning and establish standards for practice, supervision, and direction of such subjects. The Board shall make an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature, annually of the Virgin Islands covering the progress of vocational education during the year and shall include therein an itemized statement showing the receipts and expenditures of all moneys used in connection with the administration of such vocational education.

Custodian of Funds.

Section 4. The Commissioner of Finance of the Virgin Islands, is hereby designated as the custodian of all funds received under said Acts of Congress for vocational education, and of all moneys appropriated pursuant to this Act. The Commissioner of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to receive and to provide for the proper custody of all moneys received or appropriated for the Virgin Islands for purposes

of such Acts, or any Act supplementary to either, and to make disbursement thereof for the purposes specified in such Acts in accordance with law upon the order of the Board for Vocational Education.

(13th Year, Hons. Harris and Mr. Garlande, Absent.)

Bill No 10.

The Fifteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands
of the United States.

1st Session 1950.

A School Bus Act for the Virgin Islands.

Be It Enacted, by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, in session assembled:

Section 1. Every motor vehicle having a seating capacity of more than eight passengers, owned by, or under the control of, any school, school district, or municipality of the Virgin Islands, and used to transport pupils to or from school, shall be licensed as a School Bus for the purposes of this Act.

Section 2. (a) If the driver of a vehicle upon a highway outside of a business or residence district is overtaking or overtaken from either direction by a vehicle used and designated as a school bus which has stopped on the highway for the purpose of receiving, or discharging, any school children shall stop the vehicle before reaching such school bus and shall not proceed until such school bus resumes motion, or until signalled by the driver to proceed.

(b) Every bus used for the transportation of school children shall have upon the front and rear thereof a visible sign containing the words "School Bus" in letters not less than eight (8) inches in height. When a school bus is operated upon a highway for the purpose of the actual transportation

of children either to or from school all markings thereon indicating "School Bus" shall be covered or concealed.

(c) The driver of a vehicle upon a highway with separate roadways need not stop upon meeting or passing a vehicle used and designated as a school bus which is on a different roadway or when upon a limited or controlled access highway and the school bus is stopped in a loading zone which is part of or adjacent to such highway and where pedestrians are not permitted to cross the roadway.

Section 3. The Superintendent of Education in each municipality, by and with the advice of the Superintendent of Public Works and the approval of the Municipal Council, concurrently shall adopt and enforce uniform regulations, not inconsistent with this Act as to color and design and operation of all school buses used for the transportation of the school children within and operated by any school district, municipality, or public corporation, or operated under contract with any school district or municipality, and such regulations shall by reference be made a part of any such contract with a school district or municipality.

Section 4. The Superintendent of Public Works in each municipality shall establish standards and specifications for the inspection of school buses at least three times per year, and conform to such established standards and specifications.

Section 5. Violation of this Act or any part thereof shall be punishable as a misdemeanor.

(15 years. Hon. Wilff Absent)

Bill No 11

The Fifteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the United States

at St. John's

An Act to Create a Virgin Island Merit Award Board

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Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Island in session assembled:

Section 1. There is hereby created a Board to be known as the Virgin Island Employees Merit Award Board, to consist of three persons to be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly or, if the Assembly is not in session, of the Municipal Councils, for a term of two years. Members of the Board shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be entitled to reimbursement of expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the discharge of their duties. The Board shall meet at least once a year and may request and shall receive from any department, agency or commission such assistance as it may require to carry out the purpose of this Act, and any department, agency or commission shall make available to the board, upon the request of any of its personnel, any facilities required for the furtherance of the work of the board.

Power and Duties

Section 2. The Board shall have power and it shall be its duty

- (a) To formulate, establish and maintain a plan or plans to encourage and reward unusual and meritorious suggestions and accomplishments by employees of the Municipal Government promoting efficiency and economy in the performance of any function of the Municipal or Virgin Islands Government.
- (b) To analyze and review suggestions and accomplishments of municipal employees submitted for consideration and such plan or plans, and to make and render awards to the deserving employees who are deserving.

Awards

Section 3. The Board may determine the nature and extent of the Merit Award to be made under this Ordinance which may include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- (a) Certificates, medals or other appropriate insignia which shall be in such form and shall be awarded at such times as the board may fix and determine.
- (b) Cash awards, which shall be of such amount and shall be payable at such times as the Board may fix and determine.
- (c) In lieu of or in addition to a cash award, the board may, with the approval of the Governor and the Municipal Council of the Municipality in which the employee resides, increase the compensation of any employee who has been recommended for a merit award, provided that such award of increased compensation shall result in increasing the compensation of such employee beyond the maximum salary of the salary grade to which his position is assignable, notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulations promulgated thereto. An employee receiving an award of increased compensation shall be deemed to have rendered satisfactory service in the position held by him for the period of time which would otherwise have elapsed before he would be entitled to the amount of the annual increment or increments corresponding to the amount of such increased compensation.

Section 4. The separate Municipal Councils shall annually appropriate funds necessary to carry out the purposes of this act based upon the recommendations of the Merit Award Board and the Governor.

Section 5. The Board shall have full power and authority to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations governing the operation of any

plan or plans established under this Act, the eligibility and qualification of employees participating therein, the character and quality of suggestions and accomplishments submitted for consideration, the method of their submission and the procedure for their review nominations for merit awards, and the kind character and value of such awards, and such other rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary or appropriate for the proper administration of this Act or for the accomplishment of the purposes thereof.

(13 Years Hons. Chase, W. J. M. Hodge, and Wulff Absent)

Bill 4412

The Fifteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the United States.

1st Session

An Act to amend the Merit System Law of the Virgin Islands, approved December 15, 1946.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in session assembled:

Section 1. Section 11 of the Merit System Law of the Virgin Islands is hereby amended by addition of subsections as follows:

Every applicant for employment in examination who is not a native of the Virgin Islands shall be a resident of the Virgin Islands for at least one year prior to the date of the examination; provided that requirements as to residence may be specially suspended by the Governor as to any position requiring high professional, scientific or technical qualifications, or in cases where through low compensation for services such requirements are disadvantageous to the public interest, but all such cases, whether of individuals or groups, with the reasons therefor, shall be reported to the Legislative Assembly or the Municipal Council having jurisdiction for approval.

1/2 Year, Hons. Chase, W. J. M. Hodge, Jacobs and Wulff Absent)

Bill No 13.

The Fifteenth Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the United States.

1st Session 1950

To Law to Create a Public Body Corporate and Politic, to be known as the Virgin Islands Housing & Redevelopment Authority, and for other purposes.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in Session Assembled:

Short Title

Section 1. This Law may be referred to as the "Virgin Islands Housing & Redevelopment Authority Law of 1950."

Declaration of Housing and Redevelopment Policy; that the Virgin Islands

Section 2. The Legislative Assembly hereby declares:

(a) It joins in the Declaration of Housing Policy, contained in the National Housing Act of 1949 and its goals of decent home and suitable living environment for every American family, thus contributing to the public welfare and the economic health of the Nation and of the Virgin Islands.

(b) There exist in the Virgin Islands, slum and blighted areas (as defined in this law) as well as overcrowded and inadequate housing conditions and a serious shortage of safe, sanitary and decent housing accommodations in urban and rural areas available at rents or prices which persons of low income can afford to pay.

(c) These slum and blight conditions, and the shortage of decent housing for families of low income, which are found to live in insanitary, crowded, and unsafe dwellings, constitute a wide problem to

be resolved by prompt and effective action in the interests of public health, safety and welfare.

(d) These conditions are beyond remedy and control solely by regulatory process in the exercise of the police power and cannot be dealt with effectively by private enterprise without the aids herein granted; therefore, the construction of housing projects for persons of low income would not be competitive with private enterprise and would make housing available to persons of low income who are unable to provide themselves with decent housing.

(e) It is the policy of the Virgin Islands to protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of the people of the Virgin Islands, particularly in the light of the blighted areas, or a shortage of safe, adequate and decent housing in urban and rural areas for persons of low income, by the elimination of slum and substandard conditions and housing shortages.

(f) The elimination of substandard conditions, the provision of safe, adequate and decent housing for persons of low income, and the preparation of land in urban or blighted areas and its development for development or redevelopment in accordance with general plans of municipalities, public health and purposes, promoting the health and welfare and safety of the people of the Virgin Islands, for which public money may be expended and private property acquired eminent domain, and all proper governmental functions; and,

(g) The need for prompt action to remedy these conditions, to stimulate housing construction in the Virgin Islands and to increase employment, and the necessity in the public interest for the provisions hereinafter enacted is hereby declared to be a legislative determination.

Definitions

Section 3. In any time, wherever in

or referred to in this law, shall have the following respective meanings, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

- (a) "Authority" or "Housing and Redevelopment Authority" shall mean the body politic and corporate created by Section 4 of this Law;
- (b) "Federal Government" shall include the United States of America, or any department, agency or instrumentality, corporate or otherwise, of the United States;
- (c) "Legislative Assembly" shall mean the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands of the United States;
- (d) "Municipal Council" shall mean the Municipal Council of St. John or the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John, or both, as the case may be;
- (e) "Governor" shall mean the Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States;
- (f) "Governing Body" shall mean, in the case of a municipality, the Municipal Council. In the case of the Virgin Islands, "governing body" shall mean the Legislative Assembly;
- (g) "Municipality" shall mean the municipality of St. John or the Municipality of Saint Thomas and Saint John, or both, as the case may be;
- (h) "Slum areas" shall mean an area in which there is a preponderance of buildings or improvements which, by reason of dilapidation, deterioration, age, or obsolescence, inadequate provisions for ventilation, light, air, sanitation, or open spaces, high density of population, and overcrowding, the perpetuation of conditions which endanger life or property by fire and other causes, or any combination of such factors, are conducive to ill health, transmission of disease, infant mortality, juvenile delinquency or crime, injurious to the public health, safety, morals or welfare;

(i) "Blighted area" shall mean an area (other than a slum area) which by reason of predominance of defective or inadequate street layout, faulty lot layout in relation to size, adequacy, accessibility or usefulness, insanitary or unsafe conditions, deterioration of site improvements, diversity of ownership, tax delinquency, exceeding the fair value of the land, defective or unusual conditions of title, improper subdivision or obsolete platting, uses inimical to the sound growth of the community, or the existence of conditions which endanger life or property by fire and other causes or any combination of such factors, substantially impairs or arrests the development of the locality, tends to the deterioration of the accommodation and constitutes an obstacle to the health, safety, convenience and general well-being of the community.

(4). "Areas of operation" shall mean the area comprising the incorporated territories of the United States;

(K) "Housing" Department shall provide, under contract, the following services and materials: (1) Urban housing studies, including as a part thereof, a study of the needs of low-income groups; (2) under contract, include design, funds, equipment, facilities, and other items for personal property for necessary maintenance, or desirable opportunities, including, water, sewage, electricity, gas, etc., and landscaping, including, etc., for health, educational, and other purposes. The term "Housing" also may include the planning of the various other improvements, the acquisition of property, the demolition of existing structures, the clearance of slums, and the construction, reconstruction, and other work on the construction of new housing.

(i) "Specialty paper" shall mean any

1. to acquire slum or blighted or other areas, or portion thereof, including lands, structures, or improvements the acquisition of which is necessary or incidental to the proper clearance and redevelopment of slum or blighted areas or to the prevention of spread or recurrence of slum conditions and conditions of blight or to community use or growth;

2. to clear any areas acquired and install, construct, or reconstruct streets, utilities, and site improvements essential to the preparation of the plan or in accordance with the redevelopment plan;

3. to sell, lease, or otherwise make available land or improvements to the public or public agencies (including the authority of the city or county) for use, occupancy, or ownership in accordance with the redevelopment plan;

4. to manage, maintain, or improve the public recreation or public utility facilities which structures in the area are to be replaced in accordance with the redevelopment plan.

The term "redevelopment project" may include the acquisition of a redevelopment area, including streets, utilities, and other improvements, and the construction of all plans and structures in accordance with a redevelopment plan.

"Project" means a housing project or a redevelopment project (as herein defined) or other public project. Also, may be applied to any other public property, such as, cash or other funds, from the proceeds in connection with the development or operation of a project.

(iv) "Redevelopment plan" shall mean a plan for the acquisition, clearance, reconstruction, and improvement of a redevelopment project area;

(v) "Real Property" shall include all lands, including improvements and fixtures thereon and any interest in such property.

estate, interest and right, legal or equitable, therein, including terms for years.

(P) "Persons of low income" shall mean persons or families who lack the amount of income which is necessary (as determined by the Authority) to enable them, without financial assistance, to live in decent, safe and sanitary dwellings, without overcrowding;

(Q) Bonds shall mean any bonds, notes, interim certificates, debentures, or other obligations issued by the Authority pursuant to this Act.

(R) "Officer of the Authority" or "officer" shall include any board member, trustee, or member for any board member or trustee in connection with a project, or any assignee or assignor of such person, or any part thereof, and the Federal Government, when it is a party to any contract with the Authority.

Virgin Islands Housing and Development Authority.

Section 4. There is hereby created in the Virgin Islands a body corporate and separate to be known as the Virgin Islands Housing and Development Authority, which shall have the powers, rights, privileges, and duties hereinafter specified.

Section 5. (a) The powers, rights, privileges, functions and duties of the Authority shall be set forth in Part (2) of the Act, and shall not be subject to any limitation. (b) The Authority shall not employ more than two full-time salaried officials or employees of the local or Federal Government. (c) The Commissioners of the Virgin Islands Housing Authority appointed pursuant to Section 5 of Bill No. 5 of the Nineteenth Legislative Assembly, 1949, shall serve as Commissioners and, until their successors are appointed, confirmed and have qualified, as hereby designated as Commissioners of the Housing and Development Authority created by this Act. Within 15 days after the approval of this Act, Commissioners shall be appointed by the Governor; 2 for a term of 1 year, 2 for a

term of 2 years, and 1 for a term of 3 years. Thereafter all appointments shall be for a period of two years. All appointments shall be with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly, or if the Assembly is not in session of both Municipal Councils. All vacancies shall be filled by the Governor in the manner aforesaid for the unexpired terms. A Commissioner shall hold office until his successor has been appointed, confirmed and has qualified, unless sooner removed as herein provided. Any Commissioner may be removed from Office by the Governor for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office, after a hearing before the Governor or an impartial person designated by the Governor for the purpose.

46) A Commissioner shall receive no compensation for his services, but shall be entitled to reimbursement of the expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the discharge of his duties, and a pension in lieu of subsistence.

Section 47. The Authority shall select from among the persons named in the Charter and such other persons as it may deem proper for a period of one year or more, their successors are selected in accordance with By-Laws, and it may employ a Secretary who shall be its Chief Executive Officer and such other officers, attorneys, agents and employees, permanent and temporary, as it may require, and shall determine their qualifications, duties and compensation. No person may be employed on a permanent basis by the Virgin Islands Housing Authority or any official connected with said Body until the confirmation of the Commissioners of the Virgin Islands Housing Authority first appointed by order of this act.

Section 48. No Commissioner or employee of the Authority shall pecuniarily receive any interest, direct or indirect, in any project or in any property included or proposed to be included in any project, or in any contract or in any other transaction of the Authority.

project. Where the acquisition is not voluntary, such Commissioner or employee shall immediately disclose such interest in writing to the Authority and such disclosure shall be entered upon the minutes of the Authority. Upon such disclosure such Commissioner or employee shall not participate in any action by the Authority affecting such property. If any Commissioner or employee of the Authority previously acquired or controlled an interest direct or indirect in any property included or planned to be included in any project, he immediately shall disclose such interest in writing to the Authority and such disclosure shall be entered upon the minutes of the Authority. Upon such disclosure, such Commissioner or employee shall not participate in any action by the Authority affecting such property. Any violation of the provisions of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor.

Duties of Officers of Authority

Section 8. The Authority shall have all the powers necessary to carry out the provisions of this law, but not the power to levy and collect taxes or other assessments, including the following powers in addition to others herein provided:

(a) To undertake and carry out studies, analyses, research, and investigation of living and housing conditions in the Virgin Islands, of housing and community needs within the area of operation, and of means and methods of meeting needs disclosed by such studies; to determine where slums or blighted areas exist or where there is a shortage of decent, safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations for persons of low income in urban and rural areas; to make the results of its studies, analyses and reports available to the public and to the planning, housing and supply industries; to disseminate information on housing and related matters; to make findings and recommendations with respect to matters relating to housing development and means and

or dispose of any real or personal property or any interest therein; to insure or provide for the insurance, in any stock or mutual company, of any real or personal property or operation of the Authority against any risks or hazards; to procure or agree to the procurement of Federal Government insurance or guarantees of the payment of any bonds or notes thereof issued by the Authority, including the power to pay premiums on such insurance;

(e). To invest any funds held in reserves or sinking funds, or any funds not required for immediate obligations, in any property or securities, or in any other manner, under the control of the Authority, at a price not less than the market value of such bonds not redeemed or payable to the Authority;

(f). To sue and to be sued, to have a seal and to alter its seal, to have a perpetual succession; to make and alter its bylaws, and other instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of the powers of the Authority; to make and from time to time amend and repeal, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, any rules and regulations not inconsistent with this Law, to carry into effect the powers and purposes of the Authority;

(g). To obligate, assign or purchase of land acquired or developed for the purpose of use such land for the purpose designated in the development plan; (2) to begin the building of specified improvements within a period of time which the Authority may deem reasonable; and (3) to comply with such other conditions as in the opinion of the Authority are necessary to carry out the purposes of the Law; the Authority, by provisions in the contract, deed or lease may waive any of the purchaser's obligations, covenants, or conditions running with the land, whose breach shall cause the forfeiture of the land to the Authority;

(h). To make or have made all surveys, studies and investigations necessary to the carrying out of the purposes of this Law and in

(k) No exercise all or any part or combination of powers herein granted.

Rentals + Tenant Selection

Section 9. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the Virgin Islands that the Authority shall manage and operate housing projects in an efficient manner so as to enable it to fix the rentals or payments for dwelling accommodations at low rates consistent with its providing decent, safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations for the people of the Virgin Islands. To this end the Authority shall not contract in connection with any such project for the purchase or lease of any of its equipment or materials. To this end the Authority shall fix the rentals or payments for dwelling accommodations in its housing projects at a level which shall be sufficient to cover the operating expenses which (including without other available money, property income and receipts of the Authority, from whatever source derived) are necessary to maintain the housing projects of the Authority, will be sufficient (a) to pay for the same becomes due, the principal and interest on the bonds of the Authority; (b) to create and maintain a reserve as may be required to assure the payment of principal and interest on its bonds; (c) to meet the cost of, or to provide for, maintaining and operating the projects (including necessary repairs therefor and the cost of any improvements and the amortization of expenses of the Authority; and (d) to make such payments in kind of taxes and other determinations as may be required to be consistent with the maintenance of low-rent character of the housing projects, the obligations of the Authority and the achievement of the purposes of this law. Rentals or payments for dwellings shall be established on the housing projects administered, insofar as possible, so as to assure that the people of the Virgin Islands are provided with decent, safe and sanitary housing of character consistent with the policy.

Section 10.(a). In the operation or management of housing projects the Authority shall at all times observe the following duties with respect to rentals and tenant selection: (1) it may rent or lease the dwelling accommodations therein only to persons of low income and at rentals within the financial reach of such persons of low income; (2) It may rent or lease to a tenant dwelling accommodations consisting of the number of rooms (but no greater number) which it deems necessary to provide safe and sanitary accommodations to the proposed occupants thereof, without specifying; and (3) it shall not accept as a tenant in any housing project of the Authority or persons who are receiving public assistance from the Federal Government, whose annual net income less any other income received by them exceeds \$100 for each member of the family living under the same roof as the person applying for admission, in excess of payment made for the payment of the monthly rental of such person or persons residing in such project, the total for this purpose shall be calculated on the basis of the age-adjusted cost of such person's family (as determined by the Authority), to include water, electricity, gas, heating, and other necessary services or facilities, whether or not the charges for such services and facilities is included in the rental provided, that the Authority may refuse to rent space as to tenant eligibility or otherwise required by the Federal Government for financial assistance with the Authority.

Nothing contained in this or the preceding section shall be construed as limiting the power of the Authority, with respect to a housing project, to put in an oblige the right, in the event of a default by the Authority, to take possession thereof, cause the appointment of a receiver thereof, free from all restrictions imposed by this or the preceding sections.

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Section 11 (a) The Authority shall not require
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recommendations with respect to the proposed redevelopment plan to the Authority within thirty (30) days after receipt of the plan for review. Upon receipt of the recommendations of the planning agency, or if no planning agency exist, or no recommendations are received within said thirty (30) days, then without such recommendations, the Authority may recommend the redevelopment plan to the Governor and the Municipal Council of the Municipality in which the project is located for approval.

(1) - In recommending a redevelopment plan to the Governor and the Municipal Council for approval, the Authority shall consider whether the proposed land use and zoning requirements in the redevelopment project area are designed with the general purpose of promoting and encouraging a healthful, adjusted and harmonious development of the Municipality and its people, and in accordance with the public health, safety, and general welfare of the community. The Authority shall also consider the following factors: (a) the promotion of a healthful and harmonious development; (b) the promotion of a safe and efficient use of public funds; (c) the prevention of the recurrence of insanitary or unsafe dwelling accommodations, slums, conditions or conditions of dilapidated and the provision of a safe and adequate, safe and adequate accommodations.

-2- The recommendation of a redevelopment plan by the Authority to the Governor and the Municipal Council shall be accompanied by the recommendations of the planning agency.

if any, a statement of the proposed method and estimated cost of the acquisition and preparation for redevelopment of the project area and the estimated revenues from its disposal; and a statement of the proposed method of financing the redevelopment project; and a statement of a feasible method proposed for the relocation of families to be displaced from the redevelopment area.

(f) The Municipal Council of the Municipality shall hold a public hearing on any development plan or substantial modification thereof recommended by the Authority, after reasonable public notice through which shall be the time, date, place and purpose of the hearing. It shall also after such hearing (60) days after the hearing is held, conduct such public hearing as may be required.

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(k). A redevelopment plan may be modified at any time by the authority with the approval of the Governor and the Board, provided that, if modified after the filing of the redevelopment project with the Board, the modification must be approved by the purchase lease owner of the property affected by the proposed modification. If the proposed modification would not substantially change the redevelopment project as approved, the modification may be approved by the Governor and the Board without the prior approval of the purchase lease owner. A redevelopment plan which has been approved by the Governor and the Board as provided in subsection (f), may be recommended to them with

The Authority shall give reasonable notice of the time and place and purpose of the public hearing prior to the day on which the hearing is to be held, which notice shall contain a general description of the redevelopment project area, and shall state that the redevelopment plan (together with such zoning map and finances as may relate thereto, an identification of the property available for sale and for lease with the proposed new land uses of such property and the proposed general terms and conditions with respect thereto) is available for public inspection and is accessible to the public. The notice shall further state that any person or corporation who desires to submit a proposal for the purchase or lease of any property included in the redevelopment project area for use for any purpose, including the sale, lease, or development, and who is desirous of participating in the redevelopment project in conformity with the redevelopment plan or the portion thereof which such proposal or proposal date and the terms and conditions of the sale or lease. At the end of such period for the submission of proposals, the Authority may negotiate with any person, firm or corporation (whether or not such person, firm or corporation has submitted a proposal as provided above) for the purchase or lease of any real property in the redevelopment project area. Thereafter, the Authority shall submit to the Governor a report concerning all proposals received for the sale or lease of the real property and shall make such recommendations as it deems to be in the public interest. The disposal of such property. The Authority shall at the same time submit for approval of the Governor the proposed plan or instruments of sale or lease of such real property, or portions thereof. Copies of the report and the proposed plan or instruments of sale or lease shall be submitted to the Mayor of the municipality where the property is located. Upon

approval of the proposed sale or lease by the Governor, the Authority may execute and deliver all instruments and take all steps necessary to effectuate any such lease or sale. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as preventing the Authority from selling or leasing property to private purchaser or lessee under such public bidding procedure as it shall prescribe. If the said land or other disposal to a purchaser or lessee of property in a development project for a specified use or uses is required in the redevelopment plan approved by the Governor and the Authority, the Authority is hereby directed to take such steps as may be necessary to carry out such plan.

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the redevelopment plan; provided, however, that leases shall be made for a term not longer than three years nor beyond the date of preparation of the property for redevelopment, and shall not be renewable.

Finance

Section 13. The Authority shall have power to secure bonds from time to time in its discretion for any of its corporate purposes. The Authority shall also have power to accept and place bonds for the purpose of financing its operating funds. The Authority may also issue bonds for the purpose of financing its operating funds. The Authority may also issue bonds for the purpose of financing its operating funds.

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Any such bonds may not be sold, issued, secured, by a pledge of any grant, or part thereof from the Federal Government or other source, or a pledge of any income or revenue of the Authority, or any part of any project, project or other property of the Authority. Except as otherwise provided in this Sub, none of the proceeds of bonds issued for redevelopment purposes and no proceeds or revenues from any redevelopment project shall be used to pay the principal or interest on or make contributions to loans to any housing project or to the income or proceeds of any housing project or used for the purchase of, or made available to any redevelopment project.

The bonds may be sold at public or private sale at less than par.

In case any of the commissioners or officers of the Authority whose signature appear on any bonds or coupons shall cease to be such commissioners or officers before the delivery of such bonds, such signatures shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if such commissioners or officers had remained in office until such date as the provisions of any law to that effect may be enacted. Bonds issued by the Authority shall be

valid and enforceable notwithstanding any provision of any law of the Authority, or the validity thereof, any such bond or coupon in substance, shall have been issued by the Authority, and on finding a project shall be conclusively deemed to have been issued for such purposes and said project shall be conclusively deemed to have been planned, located and carried out in accordance with the purposes and provisions of this law.

Section 15. In connection with the issue of bonds on the incurring of obligation under leases and in order to secure the payments of such bonds or obligations, the Authority, in addition to its other powers, shall have power -

- (a) To pledge all or any part of its net assets, present or future, which it right in this or hereafter come into existence;
- (b) To mortgage all or any part of its real or personal property, or to acquire.

or against pledging all or any part of its assets and revenues, or mortgaging all or any part of its property to which it is entitled or to which it may become entitled.

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Municipal Cooperator

Section 19 (a) For the purpose of aiding
and cooperating in the planning
undertaking, construction or operation
of a project located within the area
in which it is authorized, and the
Government of the Virgin Islands, or a
municipality, may, upon such terms, with
or without consideration, as may determine

1) By entering into any agreement or
of its interest in any property, or in any
business, enterprise, or other activity,
or, power, right, or privilege;

2) By giving, granting, or conveying any
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agreements as may be necessary or desirable, it is the purpose of this Law to authorize the Authority to do any and all things necessary to secure the financial aid or co-operation of the Federal Government, the Virgin Islands Government, or any Municipality therein in the construction, maintenance, or operation of any project by the Authority, to accomplish this purpose the Authority, notwithstanding the provisions of any other laws may include in any contract for financial assistance any conditions, stipulations, covenants, or agreements, and may, in its discretion, require the payment of interest on the loan of money by the Authority.

Section 27. The Authority may, in its discretion, enter into any contract, provided, that if at any time the Federal Government or the Virgin Islands Government shall determine that all deposits with the project have been cured and the project shall thereafter be carried on in accordance with the terms of the contract, the Federal Government shall, upon request, refund to the Authority the amount of the project as then contributed.

Section 28. The Authority shall make an annual statement of its income and expenditures in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

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shall account to the Government of the Islands in accordance with law for all funds which have been assigned to the Authority or to its use by the Legislative Assembly or by the Municipal Councils. The Authority shall obtain approval from the Federal Government of its budget covering all expenditures from funds provided by the Federal Government or derived from the proceeds of any sale of lands or other property of the Authority, acquired by or under of annual contribution or other financial aid to the Authority by the Federal Government or derived from any other source. It shall submit to the Federal Government for each financial year a statement of its accounts.

At least once a year, the Authority shall submit to the Legislative Assembly a report of its activities and a statement of its accounts. The report shall include a statement of the Authority's income and expenditure, a statement of its assets and liabilities, and a statement of its progress in carrying out its duties. The report shall be presented to the Legislative Assembly at a public meeting of the Authority.

The Authority shall be responsible for the management and operation of the lands and other property assigned to it. It shall have the power to lease, dispose of, or otherwise deal with the property, subject to the approval of the Legislative Assembly. It shall also have the power to borrow money for the purpose of carrying out its duties, subject to the approval of the Legislative Assembly. The Authority shall be subject to the supervision and control of the Federal Government.

Bill No. 14

The Legislative Assembly of the
Virgin Islands of the United States.
1st Session 1934

An Act to Establish the Design of the Official
Flag of the Virgin Islands.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of
the Virgin Islands in Session assembled:

Section 1. The following design shall be
the flag of the Virgin Islands: A white field
bearing in the center a blue triangle with
a red cross in the center of the triangle.
The cross shall be composed of four red
bars, each bar being one-eighth of the width
of the flag. The cross shall be centered
in the flag. The blue triangle shall be
one-eighth of the width of the flag.
The red cross shall be one-eighth of the
width of the flag. The white field shall
be the remainder of the flag.

Section 2. The flag shall be used by
the Government of the Virgin Islands.

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Whereas, The Legislative Assembly
of the Virgin Islands is desirous of designating
the official flower of the Virgin Islands
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Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the
Virgin Islands in session assembled

Section 1. The Hibiscus flower (yellow color in
yellow color) is hereby adopted and
designated to be the official flower of the
Virgin Islands.

Enacted this 10th day of June 1954 at St. John's
Virgin Islands.

For the Governor: _____
For the Speaker: _____

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As a salaried and non-salaried
 were confirmed by the Assembly:

Officer Virgin Islands Auditor:

Mr. [Name] [Name], Virgin Islands Auditor \$4,200
 per annum, effective July 18, 1949, for a period
 of two years

Lucia H. [Name], Chief Stenographic Off. \$1,100
 per annum, effective on and after April 16, 1949

Edward M. [Name], Accounting Clerk \$1,100
 per annum, effective on and after [Date]

David [Name] Vocational Education

Dr. [Name] [Name] Superintendent of Education
 [Name] [Name] and [Name] [Name] in [Name]
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held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, on December 7, 8, and 9, 1930 and by the Assembly.

Honorable Ray P. Gordon, Grand Juror, Alva E. McFarlane, and Henry V. Dickson, as a legislative committee to visit the Island of Puerto Rico to study the operation of the Federal Housing Program and Puerto Rican planning, act, and report back to the Legislative Assembly.

A report of the fact concerning the situation of the Puerto Rican people was presented by the body.

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Legislative Assembly of the
Islands of the United States
1st Session 1951

The Legislative Assembly of the
Islands of the United States
convened by joint resolution
by and through the Council of the
Islands of the United States
1951, at 11:00 O'clock A.M.; the
Honorable, Oscar Brown, President.

Present were the following members:

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Whereas, Article 7 of the Org.
 the Virgin Islands of the
 approved June 22, 1936, provides
 that, after January 1, 1937, the
 of the Municipal Councils of the
 and St. John and of the Municipal
 Council of Saint John, consisting
 and shall be designated as the
 legislative assembly of the Virgin
 Islands; and

Whereas, said Article 7 also provides
 that the legislative assembly shall
 exercise in the St. John Island
 before mentioned, and shall
 determine the number of members
 each of the groups

Whereas, all the members of the
 legislative assembly have been
 duly elected; and
 that the members of the
 legislative assembly of the

Virgin Islands, being
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Whereas, the

My committee has an appropriate
 which concerns the Assembly
 for the purpose:

Resolved, and it is
 the duty of the Municipal
 Council of St. John and St. John
 to see in execution that said body
 by means of the power in it
 vested hereby, to see in
 the following manner: of the
 following to be held at the
 Council Chamber, Municipal Building,
 Charlotte Street, St. John, from
 commencing at 11 o'clock, on
 April 15, 1951, and continuing until the
 following date mentioned:

1. The Mayor of St. John, to be held
 at the Council Chamber, Municipal Building,
 Charlotte Street, St. John, from
 commencing at 11 o'clock, on
 April 15, 1951, and continuing until the
 following date mentioned:

March 7, 1951

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Governor Murray G. Smith
 an address to the General Assembly
 as follows.

Address of
 Governor Murray G. Smith
 Special Session, Legislative Assembly
 April 23, 1905

My fellow citizens and members of the Legislative
 Assembly:

I am pleased to stand before you today
 in this assembly, and to present to you
 the report of the Department of the
 Interior, and to discuss the
 various matters which have
 come before me during the
 past year.

The first matter which I wish to
 mention is the report of the
 Department of the Interior, which
 shows that the land office has
 been very successful in its
 work during the past year.

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 mention is the report of the
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 been very successful in its
 work during the past year.

greater self-government and
efficiency of our legislative and
executive machinery would be
possible.

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I am,
Dear Sir,
Very
Respectfully,
Your
Obedient
Servant,

J. M. Smith

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Members of the Legislature
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 the 1st of January 1957 to the 31st of December 1957
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The following Regulations were
 adopted by the Assembly by the
 following order:

Resolution

The Eighteenth Legislature of the
 Virgin Islands of the United States

1st Session 1957

Resolved, That the following Regulations be
 adopted by the Assembly by the following order:

The following Regulations were
 adopted by the Assembly by the
 following order:

Resolution
 The Legislative Assembly of the
 Republic of the United States
 Feb. 1877

Resolved, the President of the United
 States, to appoint and the Senate
 the United States to confirm the
 appointment of Honorable Francis
 Pickens as a second time as United
 States Attorney for the District of South Carolina.

Whereas, Francis Pickens, of the State of
 South Carolina, was appointed by the President
 of the United States as a second time as United
 States Attorney for the District of South Carolina.

Resolved, that the President of the United
 States be and he is authorized to appoint
 Francis Pickens as a second time as United
 States Attorney for the District of South Carolina.

Approved this 18th day of February 1877
 The President of the United States
 Francis Pickens
 United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina

been of great importance
People of the Virgin Islands

Whereas it is the wish of the
Assembly of the Virgin Islands
Honorable Members to have
a good job done in the
land and should be approved
second time by the Assembly

May therefore be it Resolved that
the Honorable Members of the
Assembly of the Virgin Islands
do hereby recommend that the President
of the United States be
petitioned so that the
people of the Virgin Islands
be granted the same
as the people of the
United States

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the Honorable Members of the
Assembly of the Virgin Islands
do hereby recommend that the
President of the United States
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be petitioned so that the
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Resolution

Legislative Assembly of the Virg
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Not Session 1857

Resolved, That the President and Congress
the United States to transfer the
management and operation of the
Virgin Islands from the Department of the Interior
to the Department of the Navy.

Whereas the President and Congress
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to the Department of the Navy.

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Committee

Mr. John W. Jones

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which will prove of
value to the people.

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Resolution
 Sent to the Assembly of the Virgin Islands
 for their consideration
 1st June 1882

Expressing the appreciation and gratitude
 of the people of the Virgin Islands
 to Representative Michael J. Quinn
 of Ohio, Chairman of the House
 Sub-Committee on Indian
 Appropriations and to the other members
 of said Committee for the profound
 interest they have manifested on behalf
 of the people of the Virgin Islands.

Michael J. Quinn,
 U.S. House, Sub-
 Appropriations,
 Chairman of
 the Virgin
 Islands of Mass.
 a special
 temporary
 representative

Received of
 the Treasurer
 of the Virgin
 Islands
 the sum of
 \$5,000.00
 for the
 year 1882

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the Virgin Islands, chiefly
because more help was
dependent; and,

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