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Janelle K. Sarauw was re-elected to the 33rd Legislature on November 6, 2018. Senator Sarauw, has penned into legislation bills that support youth development, encourage workforce development, and propel the Territory forward. Her signature legislation, the State Apprenticeship bill, became law during the 32nd Legislature. The bill amends the VI Code related to apprenticeship standards, authorizing and mandating the Department of Labor to promulgate regulations pursuant to becoming a recognized State Apprentice Agency. This means more job opportunities for the youth of the Virgin Islands. Senator Sarauw's ultimate outlook however, is the overall opportunities and quality of life afforded to the VI populace. Throughout her term, Senator Sarauw has also proposed and stated her position regarding controversial bills on the environment, economic development, education, probate, expungement, and was the primary sponsor of the Division of Festival, now law.

Born in St. Thomas, USVI, Senator Sarauw attended Florida Atlantic University on a full volleyball scholarship earning a Bachelor of Arts with majors in Political Science with a concentration in Global Governance; Interdisciplinary Studies of Social Science and a minor in History. She holds a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership with a certificate in Servant Leadership from Gonzaga University and is a U.S. Government Certified Grant Writer. Senator Sarauw was also honored by Under 35 emerging leaders, NBC News Out, keynote speaker at the Victory Fund LGBTQ Conference 2018, inducted as an honorary member of the Golden Key Honour Society and many other civic awards.

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## OVERVIEW

With the Territory still adjusting to changes from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Division of Festivals launched the first virtual Carnival in April of 2020. The long-awaited construction on the Paul E. Joseph stadium would require additional funds, per the request of the Governor, and budget hearings resumed with new COVID guidelines in place to ensure bills would be later vetted in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary.

# Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Know the symptoms of COVID-19, which can include the following:



**Symptoms can range from mild to severe illness, and appear 2-14 days after you are exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.**

**Seek medical care immediately if someone has emergency warning signs of COVID-19.**

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your healthcare provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.





## APRIL - MAY Virtual Carnival 2020

When Senator Sarauw and Senator Jackson penned the legislation Bill no. 32-0308, that would create the Division of Festivals, no one had imagined the possibilities of a pending pandemic.

With the Coronavirus impacting the Territory, Carnival was undoubtedly going to be postponed; or was it? However, the Division of Festivals saw this as an opportunity to take Carnival to the next level. The Department implemented the first ever virtual lineup of what would be the St. Thomas Carnival 2020 to include j'ouvert, concerts, past carnival moments, and a village lineup of performances.

Their ability to think outside the box and plan a variety of social media live performances, parade reruns, and Carnival memories, has showcased the creativity and ingenuity that the newly instituted Division's leadership brings to the table.

"Congratulations to the team at the Division of Festivals and kudos to the Virgin Islands Department of Tourism for their support of this new division, its leadership and their ideas. Given the circumstances, especially so close to the execution time, the Division of Festivals exhibited the true perseverance of the Virgin Islands people and their culture. This year, Virgin Islanders and others within the region, got to experience a Virtual Carnival and that is the type of out of the box thinking and creativity I had hoped for from the Division. In a time of uncertainties and hardships, the Division of Festivals provided an outlet for stress relief for many Virgin Islanders." stated Senator Sarauw.



## MAY 6TH

# Extension of State of Emergency

On May 6th Legislators met in a Committee of the Whole to hear from members of the Executive Branch to consider the Governor's request for an extension for the State of Emergency Declaration to address Covid-19 matters in the Territory.

Senators heard from the Commissioners and Directors of Department of Health, VITEMA, Department of Human Services and the Election System as they shared concerns and procedures that were being implemented by each agency to reduce exposure and the spread of the virus.

As the Virgin Islands was now dealing with the spread of Covid-19, it was vital to address the Governor's request to extend the State of Emergency. Bill No. 33-0294 would grant the Governor his extension from May 12, 2020 to July 11, 2020. Senators would approve the Bill in Legislative Session held the day after on May 7th.

Also motioned to the floor by Senator Sarauw during Legislative Session was BR 20-1149, which would become Bill No. 33-0298, a bill to reduce the number of signatures needed on nomination papers from 100 to 25 signatures. The number of signatures shall only be reduced to 25 due to the risk of exposure to the coronavirus and resume to the 100 signatures for future Elections.

With Covid-19 as the main focus, it would be conflicting for a candidate to seek signatures when the main goal was social distancing to limit the spread of Covid-19. However, the bill would not move forward to the Governor as it was rejected by majority of the Senator's Democratic colleagues. An outcome that seemed questionable given the circumstances, and rationale just given for the extension of the State of Emergency.





## MAY 12TH

### Committee on Education

The Committee on Education and Workforce received updates from the Department of Education on how they were moving forward with plans in light of Covid-19, to include graduation, college bound students, financial aid, grants and the upcoming school year.

During the update, Senator Sarauw expressed her concerns about federal monies leaving the Territory and the lack of urgency to address the matter. The Senator put on record that 1.5 million for Project Restart had already went back to the federal government.

“I am so tired of the lack of zest for our federal monies going back” stated Senator Sarauw. “The point I am making is free money cannot continue to go back and there is absolutely no urgency to address it.”







## MAY 13TH

### Committee of the Whole

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With the Territory's main source of revenue taking a direct hit from Covid-19, tourism had reached a new low with no cruise ships and minimal travel into the Territory.

During the Committee of the Whole on May 13th, Senators received an update from the Governor's financial team, the Office of Disaster Recovery, V.I. Housing Finance Authority, USVI Public Finance Authority, VI Government and the Territory in regard to projects, monies, and covid-19. The Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Jenifer O'Neal, highlighted the issue of the estimated \$150 million revenue deficit for Fiscal year 2020 and the necessary budget cuts to sustain the government.

During the meeting, Senator Sarauw questioned the team on the status of stimulus checks and their method of using 2018 taxes as a means to distribute checks. The Senator shared her concerns about putting Virgin Islands residents at a disadvantage for those who were unemployed in 2019 and for families who had children that year.





On May 17th we honored and recognized the Virgin Islands flag as it was created as a symbol for this Territory.

Bill No. 33-0117 amends title 1, chapter 11 of the Virgin Islands Code by adding a new section 200k designating May 17th of each year as “Virgin Islands Flag Day” in recognition of the day that the Virgin Islands flag was adopted.

The sponsors of the Bill are Senators Kurt A. Violet, Oakland Benta, Dwayne M. DeGraft, Alicia Barnes, Janelle K. Sarauw and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.  
Co-Sponsors: Donna Frett-Gregory, Allison L. DeGazon, Myron D. Jackson, Javan E. James, Sr., and Athneil “Bobby” Thomas





## FACEBOOK REFLECTIONS

Slavery was officially abolished in America in 1865, a full two years after Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. It was not until 1866, when slave codes were nullified, that blacks were considered U.S. citizens. Then, in 1866, the Fourteenth Amendment was signed, granting blacks equal rights and equal citizenship. Black men got the right to vote in 1870, when, under the Fifteenth Amendment, suffrage was granted to all male citizens. In 1875, Congress passed the Civil Rights Act, which granted equal treatment for blacks in public, but overturned it in 1883. It was not until 1957 that a new Civil Rights Act was passed, and six years after that, in 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. declared, "One hundred years later [after a great American signed the Emancipation Proclamation] the Negro still is not free." African Americans (blacks) have had a tremendous journey from slavery to the present; but true freedom is not just physical, it is emotional and spiritual as well. It's obvious that the tremendous task of ending slavery in this country was only the beginning of freedom for blacks in general. This requires that we become free of the negative impact that slavery has on all Americans, black and white. It requires that we look closely at how we perceive ourselves and how others perceive us, and demands that we have a better understanding of our past history and that of our ancestors, both black and white. #RaceRelations





## MAY 21ST

### Committee on Health

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During a meeting for the Committee on Health, Hospitals and Human Services, Senator Sarauw exposed an underlying issue that continues to plague the Virgin Islands community. Although we are now in the age of modern technology and are in the process of implementing telehealth, the issue of limited care for our homeless and mentally ill population. With COVID-19 being a factor in services, the question was raised on how are services being provided to the mentally ill that do not have access to a phone or computer?

Senator Sarauw highlighted that in the 32nd Legislature money was appropriated for mobile units to help assist in the area of homelessness and the mentally ill. Based on the update from the Department of Health, the vehicles would be on their way to the Territory shortly. However, the department would still express the challenges they are faced with meeting the needs of the population. Each island had assigned outreach workers but with COVID-19 being a factor services would be limited.

Senator Sarauw expressed her concerns for the lack of attention to this matter. "This body has continued to appropriate. Every time there's a mental health issue we give and give but it would be helpful to see some tangible progress," stated Senator Sarauw.

COVID-19 continues to expose the vulnerable areas that needs to be addressed in the Territory.



## MAY 29TH

### Committee of the Whole

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On the agenda for the Committee of the Whole were various zonings for consideration to include yet another gas station on an already over saturated St. Thomas and an up and coming water park.

The water park would get the green light and the Senators' blessings as many were impressed by the business venture that is also owned by young local entrepreneurs.

Senator Sarauw agreed that the business is a much-needed attraction to not only help drive tourism to the Territory, but also to provide locals an alternate recreational opportunity right here at home. "It is in alignment to what the tourism industry has been asking for" stated Senator Sarauw. One concern the Senator expressed was the integrity of the beach and the manmade hole that needs to be addressed from a previous dig years ago. The Senator asked DPNR to address filling the hole to prevent further erosion of the beach so future generations may have it to enjoy.







## JUNE 5TH

### Paul E. Joseph Stadium

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The Committee on Finance met to discuss Bill no. 33-0275 an act appropriating \$8,200,000 from the internal revenue matching fund for the construction of the Paul E. Joseph Stadium Project. The bill was presented by the Senate President, Senator Novelle E. Francis, on behalf of the Governor.

Given the circumstances surrounding the project, which was funded over 20 million and was started and held by previous administrations, Senators found it difficult to justify passing the bill. Especially with the lack of progress with the monies that was allocated for the initial project. Anyone can pass by the project site and see the lack of construction and development. So how was this justifiable?

Senator Sarauw questioned the numerous change orders presented to the committee by the Department of Public Works. Pointing out key people that were there throughout the project throughout the administration changes. “The Paul E. Joseph should be further along in construction.” stated Senator Sarauw.

“What has prevented us from laying the first brick” asked Senator Sarauw. “The problem in the Virgin Islands is we don’t meet benchmarks. This project started at one price and we had ten change orders after the fact. There’s no accountability.”

The bill would pass with attached amendments that split the requested amount into two sums to the Committee on Rules and Judiciary for further consideration. Senator Sarauw’s vote on the bill as presented was “No.”





## JUNE 11TH

### Committee on Rules and Judiciary

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On the agenda for the Committee on Rules and Judiciary were bills that needed to be vetted before going to Legislative Session. Here are the committee's votes on each bill for June 11th:

**Bill No. 33-0054** - An Act amending title 11 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 23 pertaining to Small Business Development **(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)**

**Senator Sarauw's vote: yeas**

**Bill No. 33-0126** - An Act amending title 3, chapter 1 of the Virgin Islands Code by adding a new section 27i establishing the Virgin Islands Office of Gun Violence Prevention under the Office of the Governor.

**(Vote: 3 yeas, 3 no, 1 absent; measure failed)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: no**

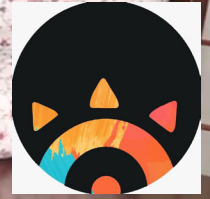
**Bill No. 33-0106** - An Act amending title 6 of the Virgin Islands Code by adding a new chapter 11 prohibiting various uses of unmanned aircrafts, also known as drones. **(As amended - Vote: 5 yeas, 2 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yeas**

**Bill No. 33-0250** - An Act amending title 3, chapter 9, section 134a, subsection (b) of the Virgin Islands Code, relating to the duties of the Department of Public Works, Division of Capital Improvement in administering and coordinating capital improvement projects, to require that a Front- End Engineering and Design is completed for each capital improvement project of the various departments and agencies of the Government of the Virgin Islands before the procurement of engineering and construction services.

**(As amended - Vote: 5 yeas, 2 absent; held in Committee at the call of the Chair)**

**Senator Sarauw's vote: yeas**

**Bill No. 33-0217** - An Act authorizing the Department of Property and Procurement in conjunction with other agencies to refurbish the building located at No. 1 Norre Gade on the island of St. Thomas and convert it into public restrooms to be used by the public, including tourists. **(Vote: 5 yeas, 2 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yeas**



## JUNE 24TH - MLU and She Ran interviews

Senator Sarauw was invited by Millennial Leaders United to take part in an interview on the VI Crawl's "The Fish Fry." Candidates during the 2020 election were invited to answer and share their opinion on matters asked by the show hosts Imani Daniel and Raven Phillips.

"Millennial Leaders United (MLU) is a community action/political action group that aims to empower fellow millennials and younger generations to unite and inspire change within said community via positively affecting public policy in the Virgin Islands and facilitate better conditions for future generations to play a defining role in the shaping of said policies."

To view Senator Sarauw's interview visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/2308148792799900/videos/315979542853158>



PODCAST

## She Ran Podcast

Avery Reed

In June, Senator Sarauw had the opportunity to do an interview with high school student Avery Reed from North California. Avery created a podcast titled "She Ran" which highlights the stories of women elected officials across the United States.

"During this pandemic period, I am compiling short statements from female elected officials (specifically BIPOC and queer women) across the country in regard to how they are responding and how they see women as leading the most effective responses to this global crisis. I hope to provide a bit of respite and inspiration during such a dark time," stated Avery.

Senator Sarauw's interview can be found at:

<https://open.spotify.com/show/73cLUEllGpglQJdojuYw7q?si=d27Ut-MnSTSzeA94Vmpwdg>

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/she-ran-podcast/id1509353822>





## JUNE 26TH

### Committee on Rules and Judiciary

On the agenda for the Committee on Rules and Judiciary were nominees and bills that needed to be vetted before going to Legislative Session. Here are the committee's votes on each bill and nominee for June 26th:

**Lois Hassell-Habtes, Ph.D.** - Nominee

University of the Virgin Islands Board of Trustees District of St. Thomas-St. John

**(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Saraauw's vote: yea**

**Positive T.A. Nelson, Commissioner** - Nominee

Virgin Islands Cannabis Advisory Board Department of Agriculture Representative

**(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Saraauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0275** - An Act appropriating \$8,200,000 from the Internal Revenue Matching Fund for the construction of the Paul E. Joseph Stadium Project **(As amended Vote: 6 yeas, 1 not voting; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Saraauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0077** - An Act amending title 34, chapter 15 of the Virgin Islands Code by deleting section 470 and amending title 34 by adding a new chapter 15A relating to the financial exploitation of elderly persons or dependent adults **(As amended - Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Saraauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0245** - An Act honoring and commending Pastor Hector González for his 56-plus years of ministry and his outstanding service and dedication to the people of St. Croix, and naming a road in his honor. **(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Saraauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0335** - An Act amending title 19 Virgin Islands Code, Part III, chapter 34 to restructure the Virgin Islands Cannabis Advisory Board **(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Saraauw's vote: yea**





## JUNE BUDGET HEARINGS

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With new policies and procedures in place, the Committee on Finance was back on track with the budget review for the fiscal year. Here's a lineup of the agencies that presented their budget in June:

### June 9th

Budget Overview

### June 17th

Office of Management and Budget  
Bureau of Economic Research  
Department of Finance  
Public Finance Authority

### June 18th

VI Police Department Law Enforcement  
Planning Commission  
VI Fire Services  
VITEMA

### June 23rd

Dept. of Public Works  
Division of Personnel  
Office of Veterans Affairs

### June 25th

Dept of Labor  
VI Public Services Commission

### June 30th

Juan F. Luis Hospital  
Frederiksted Health Center  
Dept. of Licensing & Consumer Affairs

### Note:

Senator Sarauw is a member in the Committee on Finance and chairs the Committee on Rules and Judiciary.



## JULY 23RD

### Committee on Rules and Judiciary

On the agenda for the Committee on Rules and Judiciary were nominees and bills that needed to be vetted before going to Legislative Session. Here are the committee's votes on each bill and nominee for July 23rd:

**Lionel S. Jacobs** - Nominee

Virgin Islands Port Authority Governing Board District of St. Croix **(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Reginald O. Vigilant** - Nominee

University of the Virgin Islands Board of Trustee District of St. Croix **(Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Ian Tomlinson** - Nominee

University of the Virgin Islands Research Park and Technology Board of Directors **(Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Jeffery G. Webster** - Nominee

University of the Virgin Islands Research Park and Technology Board of Directors **(Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Denise T. Jeremiah, MBA, CPA** - Nominee

Virgin Islands Board of Public Accountancy District of St. Thomas **(Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Yolanda Samuel-Deterville, CPS, CFF, CGM** - Nominee

Virgin Islands Board of Public Accountancy District of St. Croix **(Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**



# JULY 23RD

## Committee on Rules and Judiciary cont.

**Bill No. 33-0299** - An Act amending title 29 of the Virgin Islands Code, chapter 19, section 107 relating to the powers of the Enterprise Zone Commission, to expand its authority; amending section 116 to designate the South Shore of St. Croix as an Enterprise Zone; and adding subchapter IIIA to govern the Virgin Islands South Shore Enterprise Zone **(As Amended Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0210** - An Act amending title 30, chapter 5, subchapter II, sections 103 and 104 of the Virgin Islands Code by establishing minimum criteria for the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority Governing Board and changing the number of its members **(As Amended Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0342** - An Act to amend Title 19 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, section 221 relating to new definitions that govern the chapter; title 19, chapter 16, relating to the duties of the members of the V.I. Government Hospitals Corporation and for other related purposes; title 33, chapter 111, section 3100b accordingly **(Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0343** - An Act to amend Title 19 of the Virgin Islands Code establishing minimum criteria for members of the Virgin Islands Government and Health Facilities Corporation Board, decreasing the number of its members, and increasing the stipend of its board members **(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 no; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0267** - An Act to amend title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 23, subchapter I, section 262 relating to the powers of the Virgin Islands Board for Career and Technical Education to strengthen and expand the alternative pathways to career readiness currently available for students in the public high schools of the Virgin Islands and to build on the career and technical (vocational) education program that allows high school students to gain exposure in their desired vocational career field, obtain national qualifications, and to incentivize qualified local businesses territory-wide to participate **(As Amended Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0223** - An Act amending title 24, chapter 19, section 616(a)(2) of the Virgin Islands Code by requiring that the Commissioner of the Virgin Islands Department of Labor approve any proposed Youth Transitional Employment Program within three (3) months after receipt of the application **(Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**





## PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 9, 2020

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### Let's Talk Sports CoVid-19 Forum, A Great Start!

On September 8, 2020 the Office of Senator Sarauw held a forum to bring awareness to the ongoing issues that are plaguing our student athletes due to the restrictions and limitations on resources as a direct result of the impact of covid-19, the coronavirus pandemic, on the Territory.

The forum was really about giving our young student athletes some guidance and direction as it relates to not only competitively pursuing their sport of choice, but how it can be done safely during this unprecedented time – during a pandemic. And for novice athletes, to gain exposure to various sporting options (non/minimal contact) that they may not have otherwise entertained. The forum was just the beginning of future conversations that will highlight the resources available to our athletes, coaches, and parents, and how the resources can be accessed and utilized during the pandemic.

The Senator extends heartfelt gratitude to the panelists who presented at the forum, to include LaReina Robinson, Livewire Sports; Matthew Mays, VI Olympic Swimming Athlete; James Gardener, Co-founder of Mad Hot Media; Dr. Jerry Smith, Physical Therapist and owner of Therapy Works, LLC; Mark Daniel, Former Coordinator of Health and Physical Education; Allison Bourne-Vanneck, USVI Golf Federation & CEO/Founder of Ocean Prospects; Desiree Miranda, St. Croix IAA Vice President; Steve Parris, District Administrator, VI Little League; Lecia Richmond, STTJ IAA Executive Secretary; Mr. Brad Kappel, Certified Sports Chiropractor and member of the Montessori COVID Task Force; and Charlotte Amalie High School Senior, Niyana Chesterfield, Varsity Volleyball and Softball player.

“Thank you to the panelists for participating and sharing your insight on this very important matter, providing valuable information that will benefit our student athletes,” stated Senator Sarauw. “The forum highlighted an issue that many of our graduating athletes are facing regarding recruiting and scholarship opportunities – lack of resources and facilities. But more importantly, it allowed for a discussion on how we can fast track some of those resources via networking, for our student athletes who do not necessarily have the time for long-term plans to be implemented – our juniors and seniors. It is my hope that this collaborative meeting by the sports community have shed some light on a plausible direction for students, coaches and parents to ensure the best possible opportunities under the circumstances. In addition, it also provided an opportunity for the individual sport entities to discuss their plans for the overall athletic success of our Territory.”

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## WAPA Oversight Bill To Be Heard

Bill No. 33-0346, penned to establish an oversight management committee for the Water and Power Authority (WAPA), will be heard in the Committee on Rules and the Judiciary on Tuesday September 15, 2020. This legislation is the brainchild of Senators Sarauw, Frett-Gregory and Violet who have been working on this legislation since September of 2019. Staggering utility rates in the Territory, coupled with poor service and increasing debt pushed the senators to craft this significant piece of legislation as the growing challenges with WAPA continue to plague the community.

The Water and Power Authority, a semi-autonomous agency and the sole power utility in the US Virgin Islands, has been plagued with various, long-standing issues, ranging from outdated infrastructure and equipment, to gross mismanagement. Over the years, this has caused an increasing number of outages throughout the Territory, wreaking havoc on WAPA customers not only in exorbitant utility bills, but also by causing household and commercial equipment failures.

In order to address the severe deficiency of WAPA's ability to provide reliable service at reasonable costs to residents, the trio of senators have been working for several months to research various options for the Authority. Having found that WAPA is unable to adequately serve its customers and manage power utility needs, Bill No. 33-0346 gives the Governor the authority to temporarily appoint an independent management entity with fiduciary oversight to bring the company up to appropriate regulatory and operational standards. The bill specifically outlines the qualifications for each oversight member.

The overarching goal of this legislation is to improve the services offered by WAPA, to address the high cost of use, and to loosen the ball-and-chain effect of resulting debts through effective oversight, coordination, and planning. "As we make strides in our recovery with aims to bolster economic development, we must provide the basic necessities and infrastructure for economic stability to occur. Stabilizing WAPA should be at the top of the agenda," states Senator Frett-Gregory. Senator Sarauw adds to this sentiment, stating, "It is time that we treat WAPA with the urgency of the emergency that it is, our residents deserve the reliability of their utilities in the 21st century."

This legislation presents a vital solution and is very specific to addressing the pressing utility crisis we are currently facing daily. According to Senator Violet, "It is an attempt to analyze the present administrative structure and to make the necessary changes it requires. The utility will be analyzed by subject area experts."

All three Senators pledged to partner with their colleagues in the 33<sup>rd</sup> Legislature to gain the necessary support to move the legislation forward. Together, they believe it's time to hold the authority accountable and provide relief to rate payers. Our people cannot wait any longer for decisive leadership.

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## SEPTEMBER 15TH

### Committee on Rules and Judiciary

On the agenda for the Committee on Rules and Judiciary were nominees and bills that needed to be vetted before going to Legislative Session. Here are the committee's votes on each bill and nominee for September 15th:

**William J. Tobias** - Nominee

Virgin Islands Commission on Aquaculture and Mariculture Marine Biologist Representative **(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Alvin D. Burke, Jr.** - Nominee

Virgin Islands Public Broadcasting System Board of Directors District of St. Croix **(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0254** - An Act amending Act No. 7233 to reprogram monies appropriated to the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority to be used for the expansion of the Bovoni Water line project **(Vote: 5 yeas, 2 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0111** - An Act amending title 19, part VI, of the Virgin Islands Code by adding a new chapter 56B requiring that the Waste Management Authority designate disposal sites throughout the Territory CRJ Agenda September 15, 2020 Page 2 for waste tires, and creating the Waste Tire Management and Disposal Fund **(Vote: 5 yeas, 2 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0325** - An Act amending title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 10, subchapter I relating to emergencies and major disasters by adding a section 1017 to prohibit unconscionable pricing of goods and services during a declaration of a state of emergency **(Vote: 5 yeas, 2 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0198** - An Act amending title 14, chapter 7, section 192 of the Virgin Islands Code by increasing the penalty for the illegal importation of snakes and imposing penalties for the importation of animals or species not indigenous to the Virgin Islands which may pose a threat to the ecosystem of the Virgin Islands and the people of the Virgin Islands **(As Amended Vote: 5 yeas, 2 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**



# SEPTEMBER 15TH

## Committee on Rules and Judiciary cont.

**Bill No. 33-0348** - An act amending title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, subchapter I relating to licensing of medical professionals to provide for a two-year licensure period amending subchapter IIb to repeal provisions that appear in subchapter I and provisions that have become obsolete; and amending subchapter IIb, section 50i to allow physician assistants to prescribe, dispense, and administer Schedule II through V narcotic drugs and non-narcotic drugs to the extent delegated by a physician **(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0115** - An Act amending title 24, chapter 14 of the Virgin Islands Code, by inserting a new section 384 relating to the transfer of the Virgin Islands Labor Management Committee as a division within the Public Employees' Relations Board **(As Amended Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0211** - An Act amending title 3, chapter 16, section 273 of the Virgin Islands Code by establishing minimum criteria for Public Services Commission members and changing the number of its members **(As Amended Vote: 5 yeas, 1 not voting, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0103** - An Act amending the following provisions of the Virgin Islands Code: (1) title 3, chapter 25, subchapter VI, by adding a new section 583d providing for maternity, paternity, and adoption leave for government employees; (2) title 19, part I, chapter 7, by adding new sections 154, 155, and 156 providing for learning evaluation of children, postpartum care and minimum standards of health care for incarcerated women and men; (3) title 19, part IV, chapter 37, subchapter II, section 831(a), by establishing a new procedure for obtaining an initial birth certificate; (4) title 17, chapter 11, section 130 and title 17, chapter 9, subchapter I, section 87, by prohibiting the use of corporal punishment; and (5) title 17, chapter 9, subchapter I, by adding a new section 86a providing for paid time off from work so that parents may visit their children's schools; and providing that certain health care facilities hire discharge planners not later than January 2020 **(As Amended Vote: 5 yeas, 1 no, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0246** - An Act amending title 19, chapter 45 of the Virgin Islands Code adding subchapter VI relating to maternal mental health **(As Amended Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0272** - An Act amending the Virgin Islands Code title 30, chapter 1, subchapter I relating to public utilities adding section 1a to enact the Virgin Islands Ratepayers' Bill of Rights; amending section 23 relating to powers of the Public Services Commission, adding subsection (c) to authorize the Public Services Commission to resolve ratepayers' complaints and amending chapter 5, subchapter II, section 105 relating to powers of the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority to require the Authority to comply with the Virgin Islands Ratepayers' Bill of Rights **(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0346** - An Act establishing a Management and Oversight Review Committee for the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority **(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**





# SEPTEMBER 22ND

## Committee on Rules and Judiciary

On the agenda for the Committee on Rules and Judiciary were nominees and bills that needed to be vetted before going to Legislative Session. Here are the committee's votes on each bill and nominee for September 22nd:

**Bill No. 33-0358** - An Act authorizing the transfer of Government-owned real property located at #51 Hannah's Rest, Frederiksted, St. Croix owned by the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority to the Virgin Islands Police Department for the construction of a police station in Frederiksted, St. Croix and for other related purposes **(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0370** - An Act appropriating \$800,000 to the Virgin Islands Bureau of Motor Vehicles to renovate a building located at # 100 Crown Bay, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands **(Removed from Agenda)**

**Bill No. 33-0347** - An Act amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 15, section 190dd to provide scholarship benefits for person receiving home instruction **(Vote: 5 yeas, 2 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0282** - An Act amending title 3, chapter 18, subchapter II, section 312(a) of the Virgin Islands Code by adding the Athletic Director of the University of the Virgin Islands and the Little League Administrator, or a representative, to the membership of the Virgin Islands Sports Commission **(Removed from Agenda)**

**Bill No. 33-0300** - An Act amending title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 9, subchapter I by adding section 305d to establish a numerical limitation on the licenses issued for gasoline stations within the Districts of Christiansted and Frederiksted and St. Thomas/St. John **(As Amended Vote: 5 yeas, 2 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**





## SEPTEMBER 28TH

### Committee on Rules and Judiciary

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On the agenda for the Committee on Rules and Judiciary were nominees and bills that needed to be vetted before going to Legislative Session. Here are the committee's votes on each bill and nominee for September 28th:

**Sigrid M. Tejo-Sprotte, Esq** - Nominee

Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, District of St. Thomas/St. John **(Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Alphonso G. Andrews, Esq** - Nominee

Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, District of St. Croix **(Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0377** - An Act providing an appropriation from the General Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the operation of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0378** - An Act providing an appropriation from the Anti-Litter and Beautification Fund to the Waste Management Authority and the Department of Public Works for Operating Expenses during the Fiscal Year October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0379** - An Act providing an appropriation for the Operating Expenses of the Virgin Islands Board of Education from the General Fund during the Fiscal Year October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**



# SEPTEMBER 28TH

## Committee on Rules and Judiciary cont.

**Bill No. 33-0380** - An Act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the Fiscal Year October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0381** - An Act providing an appropriation from the Business and Commercial Properties Revolving Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the Department of Property and Procurement for operating expenses during the Fiscal Year October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021 **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0382** - An Act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Career and Technical Education Board from the General Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the Fiscal Year October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021 **(Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0383** - An Act providing an appropriation from the Caribbean Basin Initiative Fund for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021 **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0384** - An Act providing an appropriation for the operation of the Judicial Branch of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021 **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0385** - An Act providing an appropriation for salaries and expenses of the Board of Elections and the Office of the Supervisor the fiscal year October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021 **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0386** - An Act providing for the lump sum appropriation from the Health Revolving Fund for fiscal year October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021 **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0387** - An Act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Hospital and Health Facilities Corporation from the General Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021 **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0388** - An Act to provide for the lump sum appropriation from the Indirect Cost Fund for salaries, operating expenses and for other purposes, of the Office of Management and Budget, the Division of Personnel, the Department of Property and Procurement and the Department of Finance for the fiscal year October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0389** - An Act providing an appropriation for operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Office of the Inspector General from the General Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021 **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

# SEPTEMBER 28TH

## Committee on Rules and Judiciary cont.

**Bill No. 33-0390** - An Act providing an appropriation for the sum of \$14,500,000 from the Virgin Islands Insurance Guaranty Fund as a contribution to the General Fund for the fiscal year October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0391** - An Act amending Virgin Islands Code, Title 22, chapter 10, section 237(a)(3) (a) and Title 33, chapter 111, section 3061 relating to the balance in the Insurance Guaranty Fund to amend the currently required \$20,000,000 amount which is set to increase to \$50,000,000 on September 30, 2020 to \$30,000,000 **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0392** An Act providing an appropriation for the sum of \$1,100,000 from the Interest Earned on Debt Services Reserves as a contribution to the General Fund for the fiscal year October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0393** - An Act providing an appropriation from the Internal Revenue Matching Fund for the fiscal year October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0394** An Act providing an appropriation for the operation of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**BILL NO. 33-0395** An Act providing an appropriation in the sum of \$78,960 from the V.I. Lottery as a contribution to the General Fund for the fiscal year October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**BILL NO. 33-0396** - An Act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Public Employees Relations Board and the Labor Management Committee for the fiscal year October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**BILL NO. 33-0397** - An Act providing an appropriation to the Public Services Commission for the fiscal year October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 for operating expenses **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**BILL NO. 33-0398** - An Act providing an appropriation for operating expenses of the Waste Management Authority from the Sewer System Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**





## SEPTEMBER 28TH

### Committee on Rules and Judiciary cont.

**BILL NO. 33-0400** - An Act providing an appropriation for the sum of \$2,000,000 from the Internal Revenue Matching Fund as a contribution to the St. Croix Capital Improvement Fund for the fiscal year October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021 **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**BILL NO. 33-0401** - An Act providing an appropriation to the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission for the fiscal year October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021 **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**BILL NO. 33-0402** - An Act providing an appropriation from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund to the Office of Management and Budget, the Virgin Islands Police Department, the Department of Public Works, the Virgin Islands Waste Management Agency and the Department of Tourism during the fiscal year October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**BILL NO. 33-0403** - An Act providing an appropriation from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund to the Department of Education, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation during the fiscal year October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021 **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**BILL NO. 33-0404** - An Act providing an appropriation for the sum of \$10,000,000 from the Transportation Trust Fund as a contribution to the General Fund for the fiscal year October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**BILL NO. 33-0405** - An Act providing an appropriation for the salaries and expenses of The University of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021 **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**BILL NO. 33-0406** - An Act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority from the General Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021 **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**



## SEPTEMBER 28TH

### Committee on Rules and Judiciary cont.

**BILL NO. 33-0407** - An Act to make FY20 funds available until expended by amending Act No. 8219, thereby providing funds for the renovation of the Board of Education's Gairy House and Act No. 8245 thereby providing funds for DPNR'S Office Relocation; Doe's VI History Textbooks, Legislative Civic Education Initiative, Stem Summer Project, Claude O. Markoe Steelpan Trolley, LEGVI's Gasoline Excise Tax Consultant/Lobbyist; and DSPR funds for the sports commission and track and field federation equipment **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**BILL NO. 33-0408** - An Act providing an appropriation from the Government Insurance Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the Department of Labor and the Department of Finance for operating expenses during the fiscal year October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**BILL NO. 33-0409** - An Act amending Act No. 8171, section 1(B) by changing GERS direct contribution to outstanding employer contributions only **(Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**BILL NO. 33-0413** - An Act making an appropriation of \$250,000 from General Fund to the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs for acquiring cannabis- related software **(Closed Rule Vote: 6 yeas, 1 nay; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0370** - An Act appropriating \$800,000 to the Virgin Islands Bureau of Motor Vehicles to renovate a building located at # 100 Crown Bay, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands **(As Amended - Closed Rule Vote: 7 yeas; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**





## PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 14, 2020

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### Let's Talk Sports VI - IAA Receives Funding

Adamant about providing resources to our Territory's youth and youth programs, Senator Sarauw ensured during the FY2021 budget process, that funds were allotted to the Interscholastic Athletic Association. Bill No. 33-0377, now ACT 8365, Section R states that Interscholastic Athletic Association Programs for this fiscal year has been funded at \$100,000.00. There is also an allotment of \$125,000.00 for Interscholastic Sports to be solely used for IAA travel; for an aggregate amount of \$225,000.00.

On September 8, 2020, the Office of Senator Sarauw hosted a forum to initiate conversations on the ongoing issues plaguing our student athletes due to the restrictions and limitations on resources as a direct result of the impact on the Territory by COVID-19, the coronavirus pandemic. Upon conclusion of "Let's Talk Sports VI COVID-19 Forum," the Senator and panelists, to include IAA, continued conversations on how they could collectively better serve our student athletes. The conversations revolved around how students could safely return to sports and ensuring that resources were available for the Territory's student athletes to remain competitive and successful, despite the global pandemic. This provision of funding is just one of the many initiatives discussed.

"As a former student athlete afforded a full athletic scholarship for my undergraduate studies, I am ecstatic that my colleagues and I were able to bring this funding to fruition for our up and coming student athletes of the Territory. Moreover, I strongly believe that this is one avenue - sports, that provides strong intervention and prevention support to our youth. Coupled with other like initiatives in vocational programs, apprenticeships, fine arts and others, we can really begin to see our community, our village heal," stated Senator Sarauw.

Our youth stand to benefit tremendously from these initiatives and this most recent allotment to IAA. Senator Sarauw stated, "I trust that the relevant agencies and departments will see to it that the funds and safety policies and protocols are put in place to do just that."

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## NOVEMBER 12TH

### Committee on Rules and Judiciary

On the agenda for the Committee on Rules and Judiciary were nominees and bills that needed to be vetted before going to Legislative Session. Here are the committee's votes on each bill and nominee for November 12th:

**Marise James, Esq.** - Nominee

VI Government Hospitals and Health Facilities Corporation District of St. Croix

(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session) **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Dina Perry-Malone** - Nominee

VI Housing Authority Board of Commissioners District of St. Thomas-St. John

(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session) **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0374** - An Act amending title 32 of the Virgin Islands Code relating to the Magens Bay Authority Board of Directors of the Magens Bay Authority to change the composition of the Board and the method of appointing members **(Removed from Agenda)**

**Bill No. 33-0433** - An Act amending title 19 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 34, section 777 (b), relating to the composition of the Cannabis Advisory Board **(As Amended - Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0367** - An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, section 27f, to change the composition of the Commission on Aging and its duties and for other related purposes **(As Amended - Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No 33-0282** - An Act amending title 3, chapter 18, subchapter II, section 312(a) of the Virgin Islands Code by adding the Athletic Director of the University of the Virgin Islands and the Little League Administrator, or a representative, to the membership of the Virgin Islands Sports Commission **(As Amended - Vote: 5 yeas, 1 no, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

# NOVEMBER 12TH

## Committee on Rules and Judiciary cont.

**Bill No 33-0364** An Act amending title 1, Virgin Islands Code, chapter 7, by inserting section 111 relating to the recognition of indigenous tribes as official tribes of the Virgin Islands, and title 3, Virgin Islands Code, chapter 14 by inserting section 234 creating the Virgin Islands Indigenous Indian Tribe Identification Card **(As Amended - Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)**

**Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0232** An Act to fully adopt and enact the Uniform Residential Mortgage Satisfaction Act (URMSA) (Sponsored by Senator Oakland Benta) **(As Amended - Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No 33-0369** An Act authorizing the removal of the copper bust of King Christian IX from the Emancipation Garden and replacing it with the statue of "the Conch Shell Blower" statue and CRJ Revised Agenda III November 12, 2020 Page 3 appropriating \$20,000 from the St. Thomas Capital Improvement Fund for the removal and replacement of the bust **(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0233** A Resolution honoring and commending Mr. Randolph "Junior" Donovan and Mr. Kashief "DJ General Kuntry" Hamilton for their heroism in saving the life of a cruise passenger at the West Indian Company Dock **(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0285** An Act honoring and commending Noel "Breeze" Boynes, Sr. for his service to his community of St. John and naming the car ferry dock in St. Thomas "The Noel "Breeze" Boynes, Sr. Car Ferry Dock" in his honor **(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No 33-0150** An Act posthumously honoring and commending Manassah Francis for his significant entrepreneurship and service to the people of the Virgin Islands **(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0247** A Resolution honoring and commending Wallace D. Williams for his years of extensive work and service as a librarian and his accomplishments as an Olympic athlete representing the U.S. Virgin Islands in multiple competitions **(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**







## NOVEMBER 19TH

### Committee on Rules and Judiciary

On the agenda for the Committee on Rules and Judiciary were nominees and bills that needed to be vetted before going to Legislative Session. Here are the committee's votes on each bill and nominee for November 19th:

**Bill No. 33-0374** - An Act amending title 32 of the Virgin Islands Code relating to the Magen's Bay Authority Board of Directors of the Magens Bay Authority to change the composition of the Board and the method of appointing members **(As Amended - Vote: 5 yeas, 2 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Marvin Pickering - Nominee**

Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission, Chairman District of St. Croix **(Vote: 5 yeas, 2 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Ronan O. David, Esq. - Nominee**

Division of Gaming Enforcement, Director **(Vote: 5 yeas, 2 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Kai A. Nielsen - Nominee**

Virgin Islands Coastal Zone Management Commission District of St. Croix **(Vote: 5 yeas, 2 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Kai M. Smith - Nominee**

Virgin Islands Coastal Zone Management Commission District of St. Thomas **(Vote: 5 yeas, 2 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0303** - An Act amending title 32 Virgin Islands Code, Chapter 21, Article XIV, sections 604(d), 607(d) and (e), 610 (a) and (c), 625(a) and (c), 634, 637, and 638 relating to Internet Gaming and Gambling licensing and fees requirements and matters related thereto **(Vote: 5 yeas, 2 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**



## NOVEMBER 19TH

### Committee on Rules and Judiciary cont.

**Bill No. 33-0439** - An Act establishing an amnesty period until June 30, 2021, for the waiver of penalties for payment of outstanding income taxes and the waiver of interest and penalties for payment of outstanding gross receipt taxes and real property taxes for all tax years and to require the Director of the Virgin Islands Bureau of Internal Revenue to publish information on this amnesty (**Vote: 5 yeas, 2 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session**) **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0362** - An Act appropriating \$900,000 from the St. John Capital Improvement Fund to the Virgin Islands Port Authority for certain improvements to the Loredon Lorence Boynes Sr. Ferry Terminal at Cruz Bay, St. John (**Vote: 5 yeas, 2 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session**) **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0376** - An Act requiring the Department of Agriculture to develop a territorial agriculture plan and providing an appropriation of \$180,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture to assist with developing the plan (**As amended Vote: 5 yeas, 2 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session**) **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0041** - An Act amending title 3, chapter 9 of the Virgin Islands Code by adding a new subchapter establishing requirements for the construction and repair of roads and highways within the Territory of the Virgin Islands (**As amended Vote: 4 yeas, 3 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session**) **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0250** - An Act amending title 3, chapter 9, section 134a, subsection (b) of the Virgin Islands Code, relating to the duties of the Department of Public Works, Division of Capital Improvement in administering and coordinating capital improvement projects, to require that a Front- End Engineering and Design is completed for each capital improvement project of the various departments and agencies of the Government of the Virgin Islands before the procurement of engineering and construction services (**As amended Vote: 4 yeas, 3 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session**) **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0351** - An Act providing an amnesty for property owners who have enclosed or have started to enclose the remaining usable space under their houses without submitting building plans to the Department of Planning and Natural Resources for approval or without the issuance of a building permit and the enclosed space or the space to be enclosed does not exceed the boundary of the existing structure (**Vote: 5 yeas, 2 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session**) **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**





## NOVEMBER 20TH

### Committee on Rules and Judiciary

On the agenda for the Committee on Rules and Judiciary were nominees and bills that needed to be vetted before going to Legislative Session. Here are the committee's votes on each bill for November 20th:

**Bill No. 33-0055** - An Act amending titles 3 and 30 of the Virgin Islands Code, pertaining to the Public Services Commission **(As Amended - Vote: 4 yeas, 3 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)**  
**Senator Saraauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0108** - An Act amending title 12, chapter 10, section 402 of the Virgin Islands Code by requiring owners of shoreline property to provide the public with suitable access to the shorelines, imposing fines for failure to comply with this requirement, and granting the Department of Planning and Natural Resources enforcement and investigative authority regarding shoreline access **(Removed from Agenda)**

**Bill No. 33-0435** - An Act amending Act No. 8365, relating to the fiscal year 2021 operating budget for the Government of the Virgin Islands to increase the funding for wage adjustments from \$2,623,000; to \$9,760,658, to appropriate \$18,000,000 to the Single Payer Utility Fund, to reduce the operating expenses for the Department of Finance from "\$2,091,757 to \$1,591,757, to reduce the budget for the Department of Education from \$167,807,284 to "\$164,180,173"; to increase the Department of Public Works' appropriation for the Abandoned Vehicles Programs in St. Croix, and St. Thomas from \$25,000 to \$75,000; to appropriate an additional \$75,000 for a St. John Abandoned Vehicles Program, and \$400,000 for addition road work; to increase the appropriation for the Nurse Licensure Board from \$391,026 to \$536,886; to appropriate of \$305,312" as a contribution to the Taxi License Fund; to appropriate \$2,000,000 as a contribution to the V. I. Housing Finance Authority; amending Act No. 8366 relating to the 2021 fiscal year operating budget for the University of the Virgin Islands to provide for a direct appropriation to the University and to add an appropriation of \$180,000 for preparing an agriculture plan; and amending Act No. 8245 relating to fiscal year 2020 operating budget for the Government of the Virgin Islands to make the \$10,000,000 appropriation for Retroactive Payment to Retirees Over 65 non-lapsing; and provided for other related purposes **(Vote: 4 yeas, 3 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Saraauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No 33-0436** - An Act appropriating \$1,665,637 from the St. Croix Capital Improvement Fund to the Virgin Islands Port Authority for the completion of the "Henry E. Rohlsen Improvement and Expansion Project" **(Vote: 4 yeas, 3 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Saraauw's vote: yea**



## NOVEMBER 20TH

### Committee on Rules and Judiciary cont.

**Bill No. 33-0360** - An Act amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5 adding a section 41g, implementing and setting the requirements for online learning **(Vote: 4 yeas, 3 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill 33-0312** - A Resolution honoring and commending Janet Valencia Prince-Soto for her contributions to the St. Croix community through her years of educating and mentoring others in the field of cosmetology and her entrepreneurship in the same field **(Vote: 4 yeas, 3 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No. 33-0430** - A Resolution posthumously honoring and commending the late Reverend Vincent Hoover Adams Gordon, Sr., D.D. for his outstanding contributions to the Virgin Islands community **(Vote: 4 yeas, 3 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No 33-0345** - An Act honoring and commending Judy M. Gomez, Esq., for her contributions to the Virgin Islands community, especially the children of the Virgin Islands **(Vote: 4 yeas, 3 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No 33-0352** - Resolution honoring and commending Charles Lambert Alvarez Christian for his dedication and accomplishments in the field of martial arts and the Virgin Islands community **(Vote: 4 yeas, 3 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No 33-0426** - A Resolution recognizing the 100th year anniversary of the Senepol Cattle **(Vote: 4 yeas, 3 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**

**Bill No 33-0427** - An Act recognizing and honoring the late Mrs. Dorothy Lockhart-Elskoe for her vast contributions to the preservation of the arts and culture of the Virgin Islands by renaming Raphune Hill the "Dorothy "Dotsy" Lockhart-Elskoe Drive; and making a \$15,000 appropriation form the St. John Capital Improvement Fund for associated costs **(Vote: 4 yeas, 3 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)** **Senator Sarauw's vote: yea**









## DECEMBER 10TH

### Committee on Rules and Judiciary

On the agenda for the Committee on Rules and Judiciary were nominees and bills that needed to be vetted before going to Legislative Session. Here are the committee's votes on each bill and nominee for December 10th:

#### **Marion L. Wilson - Nominee**

Virgin Islands Board of Nurse Licensure Licensed Practical Nurse, District of St. Croix

(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session) Senator Sarauw's vote: yea

#### **Tancia S. Penn - Nominee**

Virgin Islands Board of Nurse Licensure Registered Nurse with Varied Specialization

(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session) Senator Sarauw's vote: yea

#### **Arnelle Lewis-Comissiong - Nominee**

Virgin Islands Board of Nurse Licensure Registered Nurse with Varied Specialization

(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session) Senator Sarauw's vote: yea

#### **Juliette Petty - Nominee**

Virgin Islands Board of Nurse Licensure Voting Lay Person, District of St. Thomas/St. John

(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session) Senator Sarauw's vote: yea

#### **E. Aracelis Francis, Ph.D. - Nominee**

Virgin Islands Board of Social Work Licensure District of St. Thomas/St. John

(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session) Senator Sarauw's vote: yea

#### **Juliette M. Millin - Nominee**

Virgin Islands Board of Social Work Licensure District of St. Thomas/St. John

(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session) Senator Sarauw's vote: yea

#### **Andre' T. Dorsey - Nominee**

Government Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees District of St. Thomas/St. John

(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session) Senator Sarauw's vote: yea



# DECEMBER 10TH

## Committee on Rules and Judiciary cont.

**Bill No. 33-0220** - An Act providing for the construction of ramps or walkways at least two beaches in each island district that would allow persons with disabilities access to the beaches

(As Amended - Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)

Senator Sarauw's vote: yea

**Bill No. 33-0004** - An Act amending the Virgin Islands Code title 3, chapter 5 adding subchapter III to enact The Virgin Islands Public Art Program Act requiring one percent of total capital improvement project costs to be expended for works of art placed in government buildings (As Amended - Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)

Senator Sarauw's vote: yea

**Bill No. 33-0449** - A bill amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 15 relating to the Virgin Islands Higher Education Scholarship Program to extend eligibility for scholarships to students in the Dual Credit Program (As Amended - Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)

Senator Sarauw's vote: yea

**Bill No. 33-0355** - An Act amending title 11 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 23, relating to the Small Business Development Agency by adding a section 1266 to provide an income tax deduction to small businesses that employ persons with disabilities (Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)

Senator Sarauw's vote: yea

**Bill No. 33-0432** - An Act honoring and commending Orville Edward Kean, Ph.D. for his contributions to the University of the Virgin Islands and the Virgin Islands Community by renaming the University of the Virgin Islands' Sports and Fitness Center the "Orville Kean Sports and Fitness Center"

(Vote: 5 yeas, 2 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session) Senator Sarauw's vote: yea

**Bill No. 33-0431** - A Resolution honoring and commending Rashawn Ross for his outstanding achievements and contributions in the field of music (Sponsored by Senator Myron D. Jackson) Bill No. 33-0440 A Resolution commemorating the 100 Year Anniversary of the Charlotte Amalie High School on St Thomas, Virgin Islands (1920-2020)

(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session) Senator Sarauw's vote: yea

**Bill No. 33-0440** - A Resolution commemorating the 100 Year Anniversary of the Charlotte Amalie High School on St Thomas, Virgin Islands (1920-2020)

(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session) Senator Sarauw's vote: yea

**Bill No. 33-0438** - An Act making an appropriation of \$75,000 from the Centennial Special Fund to the Department of Education for the Charlotte Amalie High School's centennial activities

(Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session) Senator Sarauw's vote: yea

**Bill No. 33-0425** - An Act renaming the South Side Road on St. John "The Rudolph A. 'Pimpy' Thomas, Jr. Road" (Vote: 6 yeas, 1 absent; to be heard in Legislative Session)

Senator Sarauw's vote: yea

# KEY LEGISLATION DURING THE 33RD

Senator Sarauw takes pride in the following key legislation that the office championed and pushed for in the 33rd legislature:



Bill No. 33-0103 - Women and Children Bill: An Act amending the following provisions of the Virgin Islands Code: (1) title 3, chapter 25, subchapter VI, by adding a new section 583d providing for maternity, paternity, and adoption leave for government employees; (2) title 19, part I, chapter 7, by adding new sections 154, 155, and 156 providing for learning evaluation of children, postpartum care and minimum standards of health care for incarcerated women and men; (3) title 19, part IV, chapter 37, subchapter II, section 831(a), by establishing a new procedure for obtaining an initial birth certificate; (4) title 17, chapter 11, section 130 and title 17, chapter 9, subchapter I, section 87, by prohibiting the use of corporal punishment; and (5) title 17, chapter 9, subchapter I, by adding a new section 86a providing for paid time off from work so that parents may visit their children's schools; and providing that certain health care facilities hire discharge planners not later than January 2020.



Bill No. 33-0346 - WAPA Oversight Bill: An Act establishing a Management and Oversight Review Committee for the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority.



Bill No. 33-0043 - Toxic Sunscreen Ban Bill: An Act amending title 27, chapter 9 of the Virgin Islands Code by adding a section 305h providing for a ban on the retail sale or offer for sale, and the distribution or importation for retail purposes of topical sunscreen products containing oxybenzone and octinoxate.



Bill No. 33-0300 - Gas Stations Limit Bill: An Act amending title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 9, subchapter I by adding section 305d to establish a numerical limitation on the licenses issued for gasoline stations within the Districts of Christiansted and Frederiksted and St. Thomas/St. John.



Bill No. 33-0094 - PAP Bill: An Act amending title 34, chapter 2, section 41 of the Virgin Islands Code to include persons suffering with cancer or degenerative diseases in the Department of Human Services' Pharmaceutical Program.



Bill No. 33-0449 - Dual Credit Program Bill: A bill amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 15 relating to the Virgin Islands Higher Education Scholarship Program to extend eligibility for scholarships to students in the Dual Credit Program.



Bill No. 33-0055 - An Act amending titles 3 and 30 of the Virgin Islands Code, pertaining to the Public Services Commission





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“The sun was blazing but we had a ball on election day! Thank you to my team for their hard work and support!” - JKS







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**EXPENDITURES: APRIL 2020**

LINE ITEM	DESCRIPTION	MONTHLY \$	YTD
TRAVEL (AIR/HOTEL*)	[Senator] [Staff]	\$0	\$664.60
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT		\$0	\$0
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	Internet/Cable, Maintenance	\$0	\$2,267.11
OFFICE SUPPLIES	Paper, envelopes, pens, pencils, binders, folders, etc	\$0	\$129.31
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	Printing Committee Expenditures	\$0 \$197.62	\$6,569.08
MISC		\$0	\$200.14
Total		\$197.62	\$9,830.24

**EXPENDITURES: MAY 2020**

LINE ITEM	DESCRIPTION	MONTHLY \$	YTD
TRAVEL (AIR/HOTEL*)	[Senator] [Staff]	\$0	\$664.60
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT		\$0	\$0
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	Internet/Cable, Maintenance	\$617.14	\$2,884.25
OFFICE SUPPLIES	Paper, envelopes, pens, pencils, binders, folders, etc	\$0	\$129.31
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	Printing Committee Expenditures	\$0 \$0	\$6,569.08
MISC		\$0	\$200.14
Total		\$617.14	\$10,447.38





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**EXPENDITURES: JUNE 2020**

LINE ITEM	DESCRIPTION	MONTHLY \$	YTD
TRAVEL (AIR/HOTEL*)	[Senator] [Staff]	\$203.90	\$868.50
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT		\$0	\$0
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	Internet/Cable, Maintenance	\$212.68	\$3,096.93
OFFICE SUPPLIES	Paper, envelopes, pens, pencils, binders, folders, etc	\$39.99	\$169.30
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	Printing Committee Expenditures	\$0 \$1,102.70	\$7,671.78
MISC		\$0	\$200.14
Total		\$1,559.27	\$12,006.65

**EXPENDITURES: JULY 2020**

LINE ITEM	DESCRIPTION	MONTHLY \$	YTD
TRAVEL (AIR/HOTEL*)	[Senator] [Staff]	\$100.00	\$968.50
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT		\$0	\$0
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	Internet/Cable, Maintenance	\$655.10	\$3,752.03
OFFICE SUPPLIES	Paper, envelopes, pens, pencils, binders, folders, etc	\$29.80	\$199.10
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	Printing Committee Expenditures	\$63.42 \$923.46	\$8,658.66
MISC	Food and Catering	\$270.00	\$470.14
Total		\$2,041.78	\$14,048.43

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**EXPENDITURES: AUGUST 2020**

LINE ITEM	DESCRIPTION	MONTHLY \$	YTD
TRAVEL (AIR/HOTEL*)	[Senator] [Staff]	\$0	\$968.50
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT		\$0	\$0
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	Internet/Cable, Maintenance	\$208.50	\$3,960.53
OFFICE SUPPLIES	Paper, envelopes, pens, pencils, binders, folders, etc	\$0	\$199.10
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	Printing Committee Expenditures	\$0 \$0	\$8,658.66
MISC	Legal Fees (Consultation)	\$4,140.00	\$4,610.14
Total		\$4,348.50	\$18,396.93

**EXPENDITURES: SEPTEMBER 2020**

LINE ITEM	DESCRIPTION	MONTHLY \$	YTD
TRAVEL (AIR/HOTEL*)	[Senator] [Staff]	\$238.00	\$1,206.50
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT		\$0	\$0
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	Internet/Cable, Maintenance	\$104.25	\$4,064.78
OFFICE SUPPLIES	Paper, envelopes, pens, pencils, binders, folders, etc	\$33.26	\$232.36
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	Printing Committee Expenditures	\$0 \$469.53	\$9,128.19
MISC		\$0	\$4,610.14
Total		\$845.04	\$19,241.97



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**EXPENDITURES: OCTOBER 2020**

LINE ITEM	DESCRIPTION	MONTHLY \$	YTD
TRAVEL (AIR/HOTEL*)	[Senator] [Staff]	\$0	\$1,206.50
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT		\$0	\$0
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	Internet/Cable, Maintenance	\$208.50	\$4,273.28
OFFICE SUPPLIES	Paper, envelopes, pens, pencils, binders, folders, etc	\$0	\$232.36
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	Printing Committee Expenditures	\$0 \$572.94	\$9,701.13
MISC		\$0	\$4,610.14
Total		\$781.44	\$20,023.41

**EXPENDITURES: NOVEMBER 2020**

LINE ITEM	DESCRIPTION	MONTHLY \$	YTD
TRAVEL (AIR/HOTEL*)	[Senator] [Staff]	\$496.65	\$1,703.15
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT		\$0	\$0
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	Internet/Cable, Maintenance	\$208.50	\$4,481.78
OFFICE SUPPLIES	Paper, envelopes, pens, pencils, binders, folders, etc	\$0	\$232.36
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	Printing Committee Expenditures	\$0 \$869.80	\$10,570.93
MISC		\$0	\$4,610.14
Total		\$1,574.95	\$21,598.36

# 33rd Legislature

## Crafting Policy

DATE SUBMITTED	SUMMARY	ASSIGNED NUMBER	STATUS
1/14/19	To require the school day for middle, junior, and high schools to begin no earlier than 8:30am	33-023	Held in Committee of Education
1/14/19	To provide for extended hours of operations for key agencies that provide services directly to the public	33-024	RECEIVED 3/14/2019 pending agency input
1/14/19	To add a new chapter to enable the establishment and use of a Business Improvement Districts in the VI for the enhancement of our economy	33-026	Submitted to Legal Counsel
1/14/19	To establish a temporary moratorium on large-scale coastal development on STT, STJ, and Water Island pending adoption of updated CZM Plan		Submitted to Legal Counsel
1/14/19	To add new "Commercial Driver's License Operator requirement"	33-027	Submitted to Legal Counsel
1/14/19	To add new language as it pertains to the Casino Control Commission	33-028	Passed Legislative Session
1/14/19	To provide tax incentives to employers who hire former inmates convicted of non-violent offenses		Submitted; attaching to expungement
1/14/19	To enhance the PSC's regulatory authority over WAPA	33-0055	To be heard in Cmte on Rules and Judiciary 11/20/2020
1/14/19	To have employee deductions directly deposited into GERS account	33-029	Submitted to Legal Counsel
1/14/19	To add numerical limitations on number of gas stations on STT & STX including 5 year moratorium on gas stations	33-0300	Passed Cmte on Rules and Judiciary
1/14/19	To legalize and regulate the adult use of cannabis for recreational purposes.		Submitted to Legal Counsel 4/15/2019
1/14/19	To require exit interviews be conducted with all GVI employees upon transfer, resignation, retirement or termination		Submitted to Legal Counsel



DATE SUBMITTED	SUMMARY	ASSIGNED NUMBER	STATUS
1/14/19	To add credit card and check section on the 720-B Form for Gross Receipt Annual Tax Return	33-031	Passed Legislative Session
1/14/19	To allow the senate to nominate and appoint members to vacancies on boards and commissions in the absence of action by the governor	33-032	Submitted to Legal Counsel
1/14/19	To update laws regarding mooring and marine waste disposal		Info Submitted to Legal Counsel 3/13/2019
1/14/19	To impose a fee on money transmissions sent to destinations outside the US and its territories	19-0067	Submitted to Legal
1/14/19	To amend 34 VIC as it pertains to the Pharmaceutical Program for the aged to include those with cancer and/or degenerative diseases	0094	Passed Legislative Session
1/14/19	To prohibit all government agencies from accepting cash as a form of payment		Submitted to Legal Counsel
1/14/19	To restructure the AG's office and provide 10 year appointed term		Pre-empted by Senator Francis
1/14/19	To revise the Probate code		Submitted to Legal Counsel
1/14/19	To honor Rising Stars		Passed Legislative Session
1/14/19	To repeal gross receipt tax in its entirety and replace it with sales tax	33-035	Pre-empted by Senator Francis
1/14/19	To repeal the Sin Tax in it's entirety	33-036	Pre-empted by Senator DeGraff
1/14/19	Changing the school year to align with school districts in the 50 states	33-037	Passed Legislative Session
1/14/19	Autorizing decision making by the Single Board of Elections	33-038	Submitted to Legal Counsel

## 33rd Legislature

### Crafting Policy

DATE SUBMITTED	SUMMARY	ASSIGNED NUMBER	STATUS
1/14/19	Prescription Surveillance Law for Controlled Drugs		Submitted to Legal Counsel
1/14/19	To honor Tishelle Knight		Passed Legislative Session
1/14/19	To amend taxi rates, institute metered cab fare system, require taxi drivers to make provisions to accept credit cards	33-042	Info submitted to Counsel 1/22/2019
1/14/19	Revise vehicle probate laws	33-0094	Passed Legislative Session
1/14/19	Enacting legislation governing the operations of the Territorial Longitudinal Data System; known as VIVIS		VETOED by the Governor
1/14/19	To merge West Indian Company Lmtd. And VI Port Authority		Info submitted 3/14/2019
1/14/19	Women, Children, and Families Act		Signed by the Governor
1/14/19	To allow for the expungement of felony convictions.		Submitted to Legal Counsel
1/18/19	Apprenticeship Bill technical amendment changing DPNR to Property and Procurement	33-068	Passed in Legislative Session
1/18/19	To strengthen the loitering laws	33-069	Pending Committee meeting
1/18/19	To amend the Education Initiative Fund section 3093 and to repeal section 3100i	33-070	Pending Committee meeting
1/18/19	To change who handles contempt proceedings; replacing US Attorney with VI Attorney General		Pending Committee meeting
1/22/19	To pardon all those who are incarcerated for cannabis related crimes.		Submitted to Legal Counsel



DATE SUBMITTED	SUMMARY	ASSIGNED NUMBER	STATUS
1/25/19	To establish escrow account for civilians to pay for police officers		Held in Committee on Public Safety
2/4/19	To honor Alvin "Alli" Paul for the art of mocko jumbie		Passed Legislative Session
2/8/19	To appropriate \$200,000 from general fund for a constitutional convention	33-132	Info Submitted 3/15/2019
	To amend the law on open beaches and shorelines.	33-0108	To be heard in Cmte on Rules and Judiciary 11/20/2020
3/11/2019	To update Title 19 Health of the VIC	19-0347	Submitted to Legal Counsel
3/19/19	To provide for the VI Minority & Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program		Pre-empted by Senator Jackson
3/21/19	Re-submitted "Dig Once"		Held in Committee on Housing
3/26/19	Transfer Fisherman of territory to Department of Agriculture		Submitted to Legal Counsel
3/29/19	To appropriate \$50,000 to UVI Cell to conduct a tax study; gross receipt to sales tax		Pre-empted by Senator DeGraff
4/8/19	Government contracts for natural disasters by June 1 each year		Assigned to Committee on Government Operations
4/8/19	Add a definition for "Rape by fraud"		Pre-empted by Senator Francis
4/9/19	To add language to Escrow account bill	33-237	RECEIVED 4/23/2019
4/15/19	To appropriate 300,000 for VIDE to provide for mental health services		Submitted to Legal Counsel

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## Crafting Policy

DATE SUBMITTED	SUMMARY	ASSIGNED NUMBER	STATUS
4/30/19	Amendments for PSC	33-265	Submitted to Legal Counsel
5/8/19	To update VIC Landlord & tenant statues	19-0476	Submitted to Legal Counsel
5/15/2019	To honor Shela A. Smith Liburd "Shela's Pot" for her contributions to the St. John community	19-0488	Submitted to Legal Counsel
6/26/2019	To allow LPNs to be employed by th Dept of Education	19-0575	Submitted to Legal Counsel
7/8/2019	To allow nurse practitioners full practice authority	19-0589	Submitted to Legal Counsel
9/5/2019	To increase charitable contributions from EDC companies to build and repair schools.	33-415	Submitted to Legal Counsel
	To modernize the code regarding the practice of medicine		VETO by the Governor
9/13/2019	To ban single use plastic toiletries in all lodging establishments territory wide	19-0770	Submitted to Legal Counsel
11/22/2019	To amend chiropractic codes to extend the scope of practice	19-0891	Submitted to Legal Counsel
	To appropriate \$800,000 to the Department of Public Works to conduct repairs to North Star Village Road on St. Thomas, VI	19-0883	Submitted to Legal Counsel
	To add a new chapter to Title 29. The new chapter will comprise a system regarding derelict buildings that will be mirrored after the state of Virginia's statues on derelict buildings	19-0890	Submitted to Legal Counsel



DATE SUBMITTED	SUMMARY	ASSIGNED NUMBER	STATUS
1/7/2020	To change the vesting period for GERS		Submitted to Legal Counsel
2/19/2020	To ban all single use plastic	33-655	Submitted to Legal Counsel
2/20/2020	To ban Styrofoam	33-664	Submitted to Legal Counsel
2/24/2020	To re-establish the Law Revision Commission of the VI	20-1037	Submitted to Legal Counsel
2/24/2020	Dig Once Amendment from VINGN	33-671	Submitted to Legal Counsel
2/24/2020	To fix the plastic bag ban	33-671	Submitted to Legal Counsel
3/30/2020	Modernization of medical codes	33-732	Submitted to Legal Counsel
4/27/2020	Affordable Housing Act	20-1134	Submitted to Legal Counsel
6/1/2020	To appropriate funds for VIWMA to pay outstanding vendor payments	33-758	Submitted to Legal Counsel
6/24/2020	Allocate funds to retrofit building in french town for BMV	20-1207	Submitted to Legal Counsel
7/1/2020	Beach access amendment to define access	33-779	Submitted to Legal Counsel
7/10/2020	To move VIWMA under Public works	20-1229	Submitted to Legal Counsel
7/10/2020	To repeal VIWMA board	20-1228	Submitted to Legal Counsel

## 33rd Legislature

### Crafting Policy

DATE SUBMITTED	SUMMARY	ASSIGNED NUMBER	STATUS
7/14/2020	To restructure the composition of the Magen's Bay Authority Board	33-0374	12/11/20-REMOVED FROM AGENDA
7/22/2020	WCF amendment for discharge planner implementation date	33-795	Submitted to Legal Counsel
7/24/2020	WCF amendment for detainees and personnel	33-805	Submitted to Legal Counsel
8/12/2020	To impose a fee on money transmissions sent to destinations outside the US and its territories	33-832	Submitted to Legal Counsel
	To strengthen laws on Medicinal Cannabis.	20-1191	Submitted to Legal Counsel
9/29/2020	An Act authorizing the Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands to enter into negotiations with the U.S. Treasury for purposes of acquiring a financial loan no less than 900 million and an interest rate of no more than 5%.	20-1348	Submitted to Legal Counsel
10/13/2020	To prohibit the use of corporal punishment in schools	20-1367	Submitted to Legal Counsel
11/9/2020	To reinstate the collection of excise taxes and remit such revenues to the GERS.	20-1397	Submitted to Legal Counsel
11/23/2020	A bill amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 15 relating to the Virgin Islands Higher Education Scholarship Program to extend eligibility for scholarships to students in the Dual Credit Program	33-0449	Submitted to Legal Counsel
12/3/2020	Exempt Prescription Drugs	20-1420	Submitted to Legal Counsel





## Legislative Snapshot



**To date, since receiving the Chairmanship of the Committee on Rules and Judiciary in June of 2019, this committee has moved 106 nominees (the most in the history of the institution) and 154 Bills.**



A portrait of Janelle K. Sarauw, a Black woman with her hair in braids, wearing glasses and a blue blazer over a white shirt. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with greenery and a blue sky.

# Janelle K. Sarauw

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MOVEMENT

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