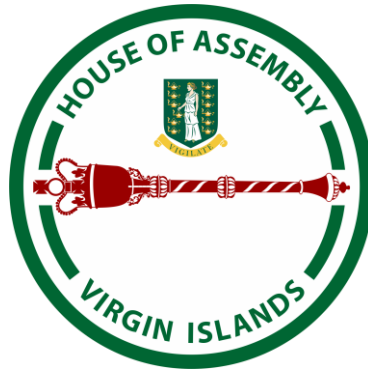


**FIFTH SITTING OF THE SECOND SESSION  
OF THE FOURTH HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**



**TO BE HELD ON  
THURSDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY, 2020  
AT THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
ROAD TOWN, TORTOLA  
AT 10:00 A.M.**

**AMENDED**

**ORDER OF THE DAY**

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**1) Prayers**

**2) Confirmation of Minutes**

- Confirmation of Minutes for the Meeting of Thursday 14th November, 2019
- Confirmation of Minutes for the Meeting of Tuesday 19th November, 2019
- Confirmation of Minutes for the Meeting of Tuesday 3rd December, 2019
- Confirmation of Minutes for the Meeting of Tuesday 17th December, 2019

**3) Announcements by the Speaker**

**4) Statements by Ministers**

**5) Presentation of Papers**

**a) The Premier and Minister of Finance to lay on the table the following document:**

- Statutory Instrument 2020 No. 4 – Merchant Shipping (International Safety Management Code) Regulations, 2020.

**b) The Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Social Development to lay on the table the following document:**

- Ministry of Health and Social Development - Virgin Islands National Medicines Policy

**6) Notices of Motions Given Orally**

- a) The Premier and Minister of Finance to give notice that, at a later stage in the proceedings, he would seek leave to move the Motions standing in his name under Item 8(1)(i) through (xii) and (xvii) through (xx) on the Order of the Day.
- b) The Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Social Development to give notice that, at a later stage in the proceedings, he would seek leave to move the Motions standings in his name under Item 8(1)(xiii) and (xiv) on the Order of the Day.
- c) The Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration to give notice that, at a later stage in the proceedings, he would seek leave to move the Motion standing in his name under Item 8(1)(xv) on the Order of the Day.

- d) The Attorney General to give notice that, at a later stage in the proceedings, he would seek leave to move the Motion standing in his name under Item 8(1)(xvi) on the Order of the Day.
- e) The Leader of the Opposition and Member for the Eighth District to give notice that, at a later stage in the proceedings, he would seek leave to ask the Questions standing in his name under Item 7(i) through (v) on the Order of the Day.
- f) The Member for the Third District to give notice that, at a later stage in the proceedings, he would seek leave to ask the Questions standing in his name under Item 7(vi) through (ix) on the Order of the Day.
- g) The Member for the Second District to give notice that, at a later stage in the proceedings, he would seek leave to ask the Questions standing in his name under Item 7(x) and (xi) on the Order of the Day.

**7) Questions and Answers to Questions**

- i) **The Leader of the Opposition and Member for the Eighth District to ask the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance the following questions:**

**Question 1**

Mr. Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House:

- a) The grand total of all Advance Warrants issued since 28th February , 2019 to 31st January, 2020.
- b) A detailed listing of names, amounts, purpose and budgetary heads and sub-heads for each warrant.

**Question 2**

Mr. Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House:

- a) The dollar amount of all unpaid vouchers at the Treasury;
- b) The date of the longest unpaid voucher;
- c) The balance of the consolidated fund; and
- d) The balance of all other established Funds and Certificate of Deposits.

### **Question 3**

Mr. Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House:

- a) The total amount expended from the \$25,000,000 loan facility from First Caribbean International Bank that was approved by the House of Assembly, including the available balance to be drawn.
- b) A detailed listing of expenditure inclusive of dates for each time the fund was accessed (showing each Ministry/Department; Head; subhead and reason for expenditure) from the \$25,000,000 loan facility from First Caribbean International Bank approved by the House of Assembly?

### **Question 4**

Mr. Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House:

- a) The total paid to all private security firms, or private persons engaged or contracted by the Central Government from February, 2019 to present;
- b) List each and the amounts paid whether through contracts or purchase orders; and
- c) The reason for hiring each.

### **Question 5**

Mr. Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House:

- a) The total paid to all private security firms, or private persons engaged or contracted by each Statutory Board and wholly owned private companies of the Government of the Virgin Islands from February, 2019 to present; and further;
- b) List each of them, the amount paid to each whether through contracts or purchase orders and the respective dates; and
- c) The reason for hiring each.

### **Question 6**

Mr. Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House:

- a) If his Government has engaged or renewed any consultant, consultancy or service provider, formally or in principle to provide services to the Government of the Virgin Islands across all Ministries since 28th February, 2019? and
- b) If the answer is yes, please provide a copy of all contracts, agreements, inclusive of payment schedule, purchase orders, deliverables and reports for each contract or agreement.

### **Question 7**

Mr. Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House:

- a) The amount of money that was spent on capital and recurrent projects across all Ministries and Statutory Bodies that receive subvention from Central Government for each of the following months; October 2019, November 2019, and December 2019?
  - b) Provide the details of each project or expenditure inclusive of the work done, location and persons or company who performed the work?
  - c) The cumulative amount spent on capital projects for said months?
- ii) **The Leader of the Opposition and Member for the Eighth District to ask the Honourable Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Social Development the following questions:**

### **Question 1**

Mr. Speaker, could the Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Social Development please provide this Honourable House with the following:

- a) A list of persons that received grants under the Housing Recovery Assistance Programme for repairs to their homes from September 2019 to date.
- b) The total dollar amount of each grant approved or given during that same period and the cumulative amount.
- c) Additionally, please provide a list of contractors, if any, contracted by his Ministry to perform said works.

## **Question 2**

Mr. Speaker, could the Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Social Development please advise this Honourable House if the housing situation with the individual living at the Stickett in Long Look was addressed?

- a) If the answer is no, please advise why not? And
- b) What steps are being taken to help this individual?

- iii) **The Leader of the Opposition and Member for the Eighth District to ask the Honourable Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities the following questions:**

## **Question 1**

Mr. Speaker, could the Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities please tell this Honourable House, what is his Ministry's plan to fix the deplorable road conditions in the East End/Long Look community leading from Lower Hope Hill to Parham Town and from Sophie Bay to East End/Long Look Police Station, inclusive of timeline?

## **Question 2**

Mr. Speaker, could the Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities please tell this Honourable House, with the increase traffic to Long Bay Beach at Beef Island, what is his Ministry's plan to fix the deplorable conditions of the access road leading to the beach for our Tourist and Residents to enjoy a comfortable access, inclusive of timeline?

## **Question 3**

Mr. Speaker, could the Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities please tell this Honourable House with Tourism being one of our main economic pillars and Trellis Bay being the gateway to many of our Tourist destinations, please advise what is his Ministry's plan to fix the deplorable condition of the two (2) parking lots and access roads which are utilised by our Residents and Visitors, inclusive of timeline?

## **Question 4**

Mr. Speaker could the Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities please update this Honourable House, on the Ministry's plan to fix the undermined road at Shepard Hill, which is at a critical junction and poses a danger to the Residents of this area, inclusive of timeline?

### **Question 5**

Mr. Speaker, could the Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities please tell this Honourable House what is his Ministry's plan to fix the exposed hole at the top of Georgie Hill Road which was left by the Water and Sewerage Department and represents a serious hazard to the Residents in this area, inclusive of timeline?

- iv) **The Leader of the Opposition and Member for the Eighth District to ask the Honourable Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture the following questions:**

### **Question 1**

Mr. Speaker, could the Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture please provide the Honourable House with the following:

- a) A detail breakdown of each expenditure proposed and actual that was budgeted for Virgin Gorda Easter, East End/Long Look, Road Town and Carrot Bay festivals for the year 2019 and list which expenditures are paid and unpaid? and
- b) A detail itemized list of funds collected at all festival related activities, conducted during the same period.
- c) Also include the total amount proposed and actual expenditure after the conclusion of the 2019 festival?

### **Question 2**

Mr. Speaker, could the Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture please tell this Honourable House, if his Ministry plans to reopen the Fisheries facility at Baugher's Bay?

- a) If the answer is no, please advise where the new Fisheries facility will go and when is this expected to happen? and
- b) Please advise what happened to all the fishing equipment, freezers and other items that were at that facility?

- v) **The Leader of the Opposition and Member for the Eighth District to ask the Honourable Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration the following questions:**

**Question 1**

Mr. Speaker, could the Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration please tell this Honourable House if the public restroom is open on weekends or days when Cruise Ships are not in Port?

- a) If the answer is no, please tell this Honourable House why not?
  - b) Also please advise what his Ministry is doing to have rest room facilities available to our Residents, even on days when we don't have cruise ships in port?
- vi) **The Member for the Third District to ask the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance the following questions:**

**Question 1**

Mr. Speaker, on Election Day 21st February, Government issued an \$800+ thousand contract to an outside consultant to do works related to Roads. Could the Premier and Minister of Finance please give this Honourable House:

- a) A report on the progress of the work contracted for?
- b) The names of any Virgin Islander or Virgin Islander owned company to gain from this contract? and
- c) Tell this Honourable House whether the contract is being executed according to schedule?

**Question 2**

Mr. Speaker, I am aware that the former Government signed major contracts on Election Day, 21st February, and on their last day in office 22nd February 2019. Could the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House:

- a) What major contracts were signed during the week of Elections 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2019?
- b) The status of completion of each contract, and provide a copy of each? and
- c) Whether they were competitively bided for?



### **Question 3**

Mr. Speaker, for several years across this and last Administration, the Opposition has been stonewalled, and at times downright refused answers relating BVI Airways and an associated missing \$7.2 million of Government funds. Could the Premier and Minister of Finance please:

- a) Provide this Honourable House with the breakdown of those funds disbursements to BVI Airways, and to whom they were given?
- b) Provide this Honourable House with the breakdown of BVI Airways disposal of said funds, giving the purpose; and
- c) An inventory of goods and services acquired by the said \$7.2 million of Government money.

### **Question 4**

Mr. Speaker, the former Premier and Minister of Finance told this Honourable House that he had issued instructions to the Attorney General to initiate proceedings with the recovery of the \$7.2 million from BVI Airways. Could the Premier and Minister of Finance please:

- a) Present this Honourable House with a copy of those instructions? and
- b) Inform this Honourable House as to the actions taken by the AG?

### **Question 5**

Mr. Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please present this Honourable House with:

- a) The names of the shareholders of BVI Airways?
- b) The names of the Directors of BVI Airways?
- c) The fees paid to each Director of BVI Airways? and
- d) The names of the persons serving on the BVI Airways Board as representative of the Government of the Virgin Islands?

### **Question 6**

Mr. Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House whether:

- a) The Duty-Free facility at Cyril B. Romney Tortola Pier Park is active?

- b) How exactly does it works? and
- c) How much revenue was collected by HM Customs from Merchants at the Pier Park for each of the years 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019?

### **Question 7**

Mr. Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House:

- a) The number of persons that were granted status in the recent Regularisation Ceremony?
- b) The breakdown along categories: Residence, Belongerships, etc? and
- c) Provide the House with the list of all who received status, and the type of status?

### **Question 8**

Mr. Speaker, we know that the Premier and the Governor went to the UK to consider a reevaluation of the UK's offer of \$426 million loan guarantee, which had a deadline of September 30<sup>th</sup> 2019, but nothing was said since. Could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House whether:

- a) The UK has extended the deadline, and if so give the new date?
- b) He has presented the UK with an alternative plan to their offer? and
- c) What is the plan being used going forward?

### **Question 9**

Mr. Speaker, this House of Assembly from time to time establishes Statutory and other Bodies, which like other Constitutionally established Commissions are mandated to be managed by Boards appointed by the Governor. Could the Premier and Minister of Finance please provide this Honourable House with:

- a) The names of every Member of each of these Boards for both Statutory Bodies and Commissions?
- b) Give the position they hold on the Board?
- c) Say who nominated them for the appointment?
- d) The date of their appointment and the date the appointment ends? and
- e) What is the amount of their stipend?

### **Question 10**

Mr. Speaker, the BVI Airports Authority has a Development Fund for which a fee of \$20 is collected from passengers to be used for development. Could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House:

- a) What was the balance of the fund at the end of each year since its establishment?
- b) The current balance of the fund? and
- c) What exactly were any moneys taken from the fund used for?

### **Question 11**

Mr. Speaker, immediately after Hurricane Irma, and up to until recently Virgin Islanders has held the BVI Electricity Corporation in high esteem, primarily due to their success with the recovery. But unfortunately, patients has veined because of what is being perceived as the abandonment of whole neighborhoods by failing to relight the streets. Could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House whether:

- a) He is aware that the territory today has a huge deficit in street lights when compared to the period before Hurricane Irma?
- b) He is aware that Government paid for the installation of all street lights and it's the responsibility of BVIEC to maintain, including replace them? and
- c) Can he say when persons can expect lights back in their neighborhoods to pre Irma level?

### **Question 12**

Mr. Speaker, the BVIEC bills the Government a consumption of electricity charge for street lights. Could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House:

- a) The basis upon which this charge is made?
- b) Has it been adjusted since Hurricane Irma? and
- c) If an adjustment was made, please explain the adjustment?

- vii) **The Member for the Third District to ask the Honourable Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Social Development the following questions:**

**Question 1**

Mr. Speaker, I have been made aware that Prison Officers are unhappy with their working conditions, which they have considered unfair, and in some instances in contravention of the Law. Could the Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Social Development, please tell this Honourable House whether:

- a) He is aware that employees are forced to work 8 hour shifts without a lunch break?
- b) He is aware that tardiness at the Prison is so bad that employees are sometimes forced to work double shifts against their will?

**Question 2**

Mr. Speaker, sometime ago the Social Security Board signed contracts with two Contractors for the construction of some Housing Units, which at the time was what appeared to be an urgency. However, Mr. Speaker, to date there is a deafening silence regarding the project. Could the Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Social Development, please tell this Honourable House:

- a) The exact status of the project? and
- b) Provide the Honourable House with a copy of the contracts?

- viii) **The Member for the Third District to ask the Honourable Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities the following questions:**

**Question 1**

Mr. Speaker, could the Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities please tell this Honourable House whether:

- a) The Long Trench Pumping Station is completed and commissioned?
- b) If the answer to a) is yes, could he give the date of commissioning?
- c) If the answer is no, could he give a target date and the reason for the delay?

**Question 2**

Mr. Speaker, I am currently being inundated with calls and complaints from worried businesses on Burt Point regarding raw sewage which spills from a manhole at the

entrance to Burt Point and floods the road, spilling into the Marina, and Rite Way parking lot on a daily basis, with no relief, despite numerous appeals to the Ministry and to the Water and Sewerage Department. Could the Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities please tell this Honourable House whether:

- a) He is aware of this problem?
- b) The reason sewage is flowing from the manhole? and
- c) What is being done to fix the problem, and when can I tell the business owners their problem will be over?

### **Question 3**

Mr. Speaker, at the 5<sup>th</sup> Sitting of the 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 4<sup>th</sup> HOA, the Minister was asked whether his Ministry was actively pursuing the repairs and recommissioning of the Burt Point Sewage Treatment Plant, to which he answered in the affirmative. Could the Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities please tell this Honourable House, what the current status of those pursuits are?

- ix) **The Member for the Third District to ask the Honourable Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration the following questions:**

### **Question 1**

Mr. Speaker, could the Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration please tell this Honourable House:

- a) Who is doing the dredging works in the Sea Cows Bay Harbour? and
- b) When did the works commence, and when are they scheduled for completion?

### **Question 2**

Mr. Speaker, could the Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration please tell this Honourable House:

- a) When were the contracts for the Sea Cows Bay Harbour signed? and
- b) Could he give this Honourable House copies of the contracts?

- x) **The Member for the Second District to ask the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance the following questions:**

**Question 1**

Mr. Speaker, it has been recorded and echoed throughout the Virgin Islands and by extension the world, how important Tourism is as the second pillar of the Economy to the Territory of the Virgin Islands by the current Minister of Tourism and his Government. Could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House the following:

- 1) The total dollar amount and percentage of revenue received for 2018 and 2019 from Tourism in:
  - a) Tortola
  - b) Anegada
  - c) Jost Van Dyke
  - d) Virgin Gorda

**Question 2**

Mr. Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House from the two budgets his administration has been responsible for, what is the percentage and or total amount that was injected into the development of the Tourism product in each of the four islands of this Territory listed above in question one?

**Question 3**

Mr. Speaker, it is a categorical truth and proven fact to the people of this Territory, whether in the Tourist Board, Cruise Tourism Industry, and Charter Boat Industry that Cane Garden Bay, Brewers Bay and Jost Van Dyke are the Tourism hubs on the north western end of the Virgin Islands and will continue to be just that. Mr. Speaker could the Premier and Minister of Finance inform this Honourable House why hasn't there been any effort to ensure that especially these areas receive prioritised infrastructural development and investment to continue to build on their established stake in the Tourism Industry?

**Question 4**

Mr. Speaker, during the Third Sitting of the First Session of the Fourth House on 17th May 2019, then again on 31st July and again on 17th October, 2019, the Premier and Minister of Finance, in response to questions asked; lamented on the importance of the Jost Van Dyke Ferry Terminal and the urgency to have it rebuilt to not only support our Tourism product but also for the benefit of the Residents of the Island by December 2019. Could the Premier please inform this Honourable House:

- a) Why hasn't the building been completed still having Tourist and Residents enter the Island under a tent?
- b) What is the status of construction of the Ferry Terminal in Dog Hole JVD?
- c) List the total estimated cost of the project;
- d) Who is the Architect and the Project Manager?; and
- e) How much money has been spent as at 31st January 2020?

### **Question 5**

It has been reported in this Honourable House that the total estimated amount of money that has been spent to create and develop Brandy Wine Bay Beach is in excess of 6 million dollars and still needs additional works to become what we already have in some of our naturally existing beaches. I have learned, and seen pictures and videos that Cane Garden Bay Beach used to once look like White Bay, Jost Van Dyke with the amount of sand. Due to Climate change and the continuous erosion caused by the North Swells we continue to evidence the effects of a shrinking beach front. Mr. Speaker, given the importance of Cane Garden Bay as a proven and established Tourist destination, would the Premier and Minister of Finance tell this Honourable House when he intends to invest in, and:

- a) Action the studies that were done to show that the sand is Bayfront and needs to be dredged and have the sand put back on the beach?
- b) Restore the area called the Gunpoint past the Hodge's Gas Station to reduce the force of the swells that come in and erode the beach as the road infrastructure?

### **Question 6**

Mr. Speaker, as it relates to the charter boat tourism, there continues to be an outcry that is now being evidenced by the reduction in day trippers and guest coming to our shores to spend time in Jost Van Dyke and other areas because the increased fees implemented, we have now made it for charters to come the Territory. Could the Premier and Minister of Finance, please tell this Honourable House;

- a) If has been made of aware of this?
- b) What if anything he intends to do to resolve it?
- c) When should we expect action to be taken?
- d) When will there be an established tariff chart displayed at all ports

### **Question 7**

Mr. Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House what is the detailed financial position of the Territory as at 31st December 2019:

- a) Balance in Consolidated Fund?
  - b) Balance in the Reserve Fund? and
  - c) Current Loans and Balances
- xi) **The Member for the Second District to ask the Honourable Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Social Development the following questions:**

### **Question 1**

Within the Second District Community, there are two Community Centers, one of which was completely destroyed by the hurricanes of 2017 namely the Brewers Bay Community Center and the other being the Cane Garden Bay Community Center which was also terribly damaged, both of which are extremely essential to the people of District. Mr. Speaker, could the Minister for Health and Social Development tell this Honourable House what are his plans to restore and fully reopen these two facilities and provide the following:

- a) The architectural plans and cost for each facility?
- b) Is the new design for Brewers Bay intended to be multifunctional?
- c) Estimated cost for each facility?
- d) Time period in which works on each facility would be completed?
- e) Proposed maintenance plan for each facility?

### **Question 2**

Mr. Speaker, could the Minister for Health and Social Development please inform this Honourable House on the details of the contract directed by his Ministry through the Recovery and Development Agency to construct new temporary housing units and the upgrade of the those previously installed after the hurricanes of 2017 and the most recent tropical Storms Dorian and Karen for on the island of Jost Van Dyke?

- a) What was the total dollar amount of the contract?
- b) What was the total amount spent on the temporary houses by Government and total received through donations?



- c) How many temporary houses were constructed and how many upgraded?
- d) What were the cost of the new temporary houses and the cost of the upgrades?
- e) Has the projects been completed? and
- f) If not, why not?

### **Question 3**

There is a continuous increase in the amount of waste/garbage that is produced and dumped in and around the bins in the territory especially in my District which is deemed as the Tourism hub. Mr. Speaker, would the Minister please tell this Honourable House what measures he plans to put in place address this issue? and:

- a) When will these plans be shared with the people?
- b) What will the proposed plan cost? and
- c) How soon can we expect to have the plan executed?.

## **8) Public Business**

### **1) Government Business**

#### **Introduction and First Reading**

- (i) The Premier and Minister of Finance to move a motion for the Introduction and First Reading of the Bill entitled, “**Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 2020**”;
- (ii) The Premier and Minister of Finance to move a motion for the Introduction and First Reading of the Bill entitled, “**Asset Seizure and Forfeiture Act, 2020**”;
- (iii) The Premier and Minister of Finance to move a motion for the Introduction and First Reading of the Bill entitled, “**Gambling (Gaming and Betting) Control Act, 2020**”;

#### **Suspension of Standing Orders 52(2) and (3)**

- (iv) The Premier and Minister of Finance to move a motion for the Suspension of Standing Order 52(2) and (3) to allow for the Second and Third Readings of the Bill entitled “**Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 2020**”;

## **Second and Third Readings**

- (v) The Premier and Minister of Finance to move a motion for the Second and Third Readings of the Bill entitled, “**Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 2020**”;
- (vi) The Premier and Minister of Finance to move a motion for the Second and Third Readings of the Bill entitled, “**Consumer Protection Act, 2019**”;
- (vii) The Premier and Minister of Finance to move a motion for the Second and Third Readings of the Bill entitled, “**Supplementary Appropriation (2014) Act, 2019**”;
- (viii) The Premier and Minister of Finance to move a motion for the Second and Third Readings of the Bill entitled, “**Supplementary Appropriation (2015) Act, 2019**”;
- (ix) The Premier and Minister of Finance to move a motion for the Second and Third Readings of the Bill entitled, “**Disaster Management Act, 2019**”;
- (x) The Premier and Minister of Finance to move a motion for the Second and Third Readings of the Bill entitled, “**Virgin Islands Trade Commission Act, 2019**”;
- (xi) The Premier and Minister of Finance to move a motion for the Second and Third Readings of the Bill entitled, “**Liquor Licences Act, 2019**”;
- (xii) The Premier and Minister of Finance to move a motion for the Second and Third Readings of the Bill entitled, “**Police Act, 2019**”;
- (xiii) The Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Social Development to move a motion for the Second and Third Readings of the Bill entitled, “**Virgin Islands Red Cross Act, 2019**”;
- (xiv) The Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Social Development to move a motion for the Second and Third Readings of the Bill entitled, “**Medical (Amendment) Act, 2019**”;
- (xv) The Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration to move a motion for the Second and Third Readings of the Bill entitled, “**Trade In Endangered Species (Cites) Act, 2019**”;
- (xvi) The Attorney General to move a motion for the Second and Third Readings of the Bill entitled, “**Charging Orders Act, 2019**”.

(xvii) **The Premier and Minister of Finance to move the following motion:**

**WHEREAS** by Resolution 16 of 2019, made pursuant to Standing Order 72, it was resolved by the House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands that the following shall be members of the Public Accounts Committee:

Honourable Marlon A. Penn - Chairman  
Honourable Julian Fraser  
Honourable Neville A. Smith  
Honourable Melvin M. Turnbull

**WHEREAS** it is further provided under Standing Order 72 as read with Standing Order 73 that the Public Accounts Committee shall consist of not more than seven and not less than three Members, inclusive of the Member who is Chairman thereof;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to appoint another member to the said Committee and that the following shall be appointed as a member of the Public Accounts Committee:

Honourable Alvera Maduro-Caines

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands that the Honourable Alvera Maduro-Caines be appointed as a member of the Public Accounts Committee.

(xviii) **The Premier and Minister of Finance to move the following motion:**

**WHEREAS** it is provided under Standing Order 78(1) that there may be a Select Committee, other than a Sessional Committee, to be known as a Special Select Committee;

**WHEREAS** it is also provided under Standing Order 78(1) that a Special Select Committee shall be appointed by order of the House of Assembly which shall specify the terms of reference of the Committee and shall consist of such or so many Members as the House of Assembly may nominate;

(a) **WHEREAS** it is provided by Standing Order 78(2) of the Standing Orders that the quorum of a Special Select Committee shall be such as shall be specified in the order of the House;

(b) **WHEREAS** it is provided by Standing Order 79(1) of the Standing Orders that every Select Committee shall be so constituted as to

ensure, so far as possible, that the balance of parties in the House is reflected in the Committee;

(c) **WHEREAS** it is provided by Standing Order 79(3) of the Standing Orders that except as is otherwise provided by the Standing Orders or by special direction of the House, a Select Committee may elect a Chairman from among its Members;

**AND WHEREAS** the House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands seeks to constitute a Special Select Committee to manage the Virgin Islands Youth Parliament and that the terms of reference of the Committee are that the Committee

- (a) may add such resource persons, including secretarial support as it thinks fit; and
- (b) shall prepare reports to be tabled and debated before the House of Assembly, as and when required by the House.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands as follows:

- (a) that a Special Select Committee be appointed to manage the Virgin Islands Youth Parliament;
- (b) that the following shall be members of the Committee and shall perform the functions aforesaid:

Honourable Julian Willock; (Chairman)  
Honourable Neville A. Smith;  
Honourable Kye M. Rhymer;  
Honourable Sharie B. de Castro;  
Honourable Julian Fraser;  
Honourable Melvin M. Turnbull; and

- (c) that four members of the Committee shall constitute the quorum.

(xix) **The Premier and Minister of Finance to move the following motion:**

**WHEREAS** section 7 (1) and (2) of the Telecommunications Act, 2006 (No. 10 of 2006) provides for the establishment of a Board of the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (“the Commission”), comprising a minimum of three and a maximum of five Commissioners;

**WHEREAS** section 7 (3) of the said Act provides that the Minister with responsibility for telecommunications shall, after consultation with the

Leader of the Opposition, recommend to the Cabinet the appointment of one of the Commissioners as Chairman and another as Deputy Chairman of the Board of the Commission and that such appointment shall be subject to the approval of the House of Assembly by resolution;

**AND WHEREAS** the Minister with responsibility for telecommunications has, after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition, recommended to the Cabinet the following appointment:

Mr. Vance Lewis (Chairman);

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands approves the appointment of Mr. Vance Lewis as Chairman of the Board of the Commission for a period of three (3) years with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2020.

(xx) **The Premier and Minister of Finance to move the following motion:**

**WHEREAS** section 7(1) and (2) of the Telecommunications Act, 2006 (No. 10 of 2006) provides for the establishment of a Board of the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (“the Commission”), comprising a minimum of three and a maximum of five Commissioners;

**WHEREAS** section 7 (3) of the said Act provides that the Minister with responsibility for telecommunications shall, after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition, recommend to the Cabinet the appointment of one of the Commissioners as Chairman and another as Deputy Chairman of the Board of the Commission and that such appointment shall be subject to the approval of the House of Assembly by resolution;

**AND WHEREAS** the Minister with responsibility for telecommunications has, after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition, recommended to the Cabinet the following appointment:

Mr. Vincent Wattlely (Deputy Chairman);

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands approves the appointment of Mr. Vincent Wattlely as Deputy Chairman of the Board of the Commission for a period of three (3) years with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2020.

- 2) **Private Members Business**
- 9) **Other Business**
- 10) **Adjournment**