

**BILL NO. 30-0191**

**Thirtieth Legislature of the Virgin Islands**

**August 19, 2013**

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A Resolution petitioning the United States Congress to establish a Virgin Islands Truth and Reconciliation Commission to investigate, discover and reveal past wrongdoings by the Danish government and provide answers to historical questions relating to the Danish occupation and rule of the Danish West Indies, which are now the United States Virgin Islands, between 1672 and 1917

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**PROPOSED BY:** Senator Sammuel Sanes  
Co-Sponsor: Judi Buckley

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**1**           **WHEREAS**, the Danish formed a Board of Trade in 1668 and secured a commercial treaty with  
**2** Britain, providing for the unmolested settlement of uninhabited islands in the Leeward Islands of the  
**3** Lesser Antilles; and

**4**           **WHEREAS**, in 1916 the islands of the Danish West Indies were sold to the United States by  
**5** Denmark in the Treaty of the Danish West Indies, and in 1917 the islands of the Danish West Indies  
**6** became the United States Virgin Islands, an unincorporated territory of the United States of America;  
**7** and

**8**           **WHEREAS**, the citizens of the United States Virgin Islands seek answers to historical questions  
**9** relating to the Danish occupation and rule of the islands between 1672 and 1917; and

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