

05/15/19 – SPECIAL ORDERED

**BILL NO. 33-0081**

**Thirty-Third Legislature of the Virgin Islands**

**May 15, 2018**

A Resolution reorganizing and reestablishing the Majority Caucus, electing the officers, appointing the chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and members of the standing committees of the Thirty-Third Legislature

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**PROPOSED BY:** Senators Alicia V. Barnes, Marvin A. Blyden, Allison L. DeGazon, Novelle E. Francis, Jr., Myron D. Jackson, Javan E. James, Sr., Steven D. Payne, Sr., and Janelle K. Sarauw

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1           **WHEREAS**, section 6(g) of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands grants the  
2   Legislature of the Virgin Islands the authority to exercise all the attributes inherent in  
3   legislative assemblies;

4           **WHEREAS**, the election of its officers, establishment of committees, appointment of  
5   members to the committees, and the general organization and reorganization of the body are  
6   inherent powers of the Legislature;

7           **WHEREAS**, it has been a long-standing practice, as authorized by the Rules of the  
8   Legislature, that the officers, committee chairpersons, and members on committees may be  
9   elected by adoption of a resolution naming the officers, committees, chairs, vice-chairs and  
10   members, and organizing or reorganizing the Legislature; and

1           **WHEREAS**, consistent with the authority granted by the Revised Organic Act of the  
2 Virgin Islands, the purpose of this Resolution is to reorganize the Thirty-Third Legislature of  
3 the Virgin Islands; Now, Therefore,

4 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:*

5           **SECTION 1. (a) THAT:** The Thirty-Third Legislature of the Virgin Islands  
6 adopts in whole the document titled “Resolution for the Reorganization of the Thirty-Third  
7 Legislature of the Virgin Islands,” dated May 14, 2019, signed by Senators Alicia V. Barnes,  
8 Marvin A. Blyden, Allison L. DeGazon, Novelle E. Francis, Jr., Myron D. Jackson, Javan E.  
9 James, Sr., Steven D. Payne, Sr., and Janelle K. Sarauw, attached as Appendix A and made  
10 part of this Resolution.

11           **(b) THAT:** The Majority Caucus is reestablished as consisting of Senators Alicia  
12 V. Barnes, Marvin A. Blyden, Allison L. DeGazon, Novelle E. Francis, Jr., Donna A. Frett-  
13 Gregory, Myron D. Jackson, Javan E. James, Sr., Steven D. Payne, Sr., Janelle K. Sarauw,  
14 Athneil “Bobby” Thomas, and Kurt A. Vialet.

15           **SECTION 2. THAT:** The following members are elected to the offices of the Thirty-  
16 Third Legislature as provided in this section.

17           (a) Senator Novelle E. Francis is elected President.

18           (b) Senator Myron D. Jackson is elected Vice-President.

19           (c) Senator Alicia V. Barnes is elected Secretary.

20           (d) Senator Marvin A. Blyden is elected Majority Leader.

21           (e) Senator Athneil “Bobby” Thomas is elected Secretary for  
22 Intergovernmental and Territorial Affairs.

23           (f) Senator Allison L. DeGazon is elected liaison to the United States  
24 Congress.

1           (g)       Senator Myron D. Jackson is elected Liaison to the United States  
2 Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs.

3           (h)       Senator Kurt A. Vialet is elected Liaison to the White House.

4           **SECTION 3. THAT:** The Standing Committees of the Thirty-Third Legislature are  
5 amended and reestablished, and the chairs, vice-chairs, and members of the committees are  
6 elected as provided in this section.

7           **(a)       Committee on Rules and Judiciary**

8           Chair: Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory

9           Vice-Chair: Senator Novelle E. Francis

10          Members: Senator Alicia V. Barnes

11                    Senator Allison L. DeGazon

12                    Senator Myron D. Jackson

13                    Senator Steven D. Payne, Sr.

14                    Senator Javan E. James, Sr.

15          **(b)       Committee on Finance**

16          Chair: Senator Kurt A. Vialet

17          Vice-Chair: Senator Marvin A. Blyden

18          Members: Senator Athneil “Bobby” Thomas

19                    Senator Alicia V. Barnes

20                    Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff

21                    Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory

22                    Senator Janelle K. Sarauw

23          **(c)       Committee on Health, Hospitals and Human Services**

24          Chair: Senator Allison L. DeGazon

25          Vice-Chair: Senator Janelle K. Sarauw

- 1       Members:     Senator Kurt A. Vialet
- 2                    Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory
- 3                    Senator Alicia V. Barnes
- 4                    Senator Marvin A. Blyden
- 5                    Senator Stedmann Hodge, Jr.

6       **(d)     Committee on Education and Workforce Development**

- 7       Chair:         Senator Janelle K. Sarauw
- 8       Vice-Chair:   Senator Kurt A. Vialet
- 9       Members:     Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory
- 10                   Senator Myron D. Jackson
- 11                   Senator Allison L. DeGazon
- 12                   Senator Stedmann Hodge, Jr.
- 13                   Senator Javan E. James, Sr.

14      **(e)     Committee on Youth, Sports, Parks and Recreation**

- 15      Chair:         Senator Javan E. James, Sr.
- 16      Vice-Chair:   Senator Athneil “Bobby” Thomas
- 17      Members:     Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff
- 18                   Senator Kenneth L. Gittens
- 19                   Senator Steven D. Payne, Sr.
- 20                   Senator Janelle K. Sarauw
- 21                   Senator Kurt A. Vialet

22      **(f)     Committee on Economic Development, Planning and Infrastructure**

- 23      Chair:         Senator Alicia V. Barnes
- 24      Vice-Chair:   Senator Myron D. Jackson
- 25      Members:     Senator Oakland Benta

1 Senator Allison L. DeGazon

2 Senator Kenneth L. Gittens

3 Senator Dwayne M. Degraff

4 Senator Stedmann Hodge, Jr.

5 Senator Athneil “Bobby” Thomas

6 Senator Kurt A. Vialet

7 **(g) Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety**

8 Chair: Senator Steven D. Payne, Sr.

9 Vice-Chair: Senator Oakland Benta

10 Members: Senator Kenneth L. Gittens

11 Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory

12 Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

13 Senator Stedmann Hodge, Jr.

14 Senator Athneil “Bobby” Thomas

15 **(h) Committee on Government Operations, Consumer and Veteran Affairs**

16 Chair: Senator Athneil “Bobby” Thomas

17 Vice-Chair: Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff

18 Members: Senator Marvin A. Blyden

19 Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

20 Senator Kenneth L. Gittens

21 Senator Oakland Benta

22 Senator Steven D. Payne, Sr.

23 **(i) Committee on Housing, Transportation and Telecommunications**

24 Chair: Senator Marvin A. Blyden

25 Vice-Chair: Senator Alicia Barnes

1           Members:     Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.  
2                             Senator Kenneth L. Gittens  
3                             Senator Myron D. Jackson  
4                             Senator Javan E. James, Sr.  
5                             Senator Janelle K. Sarauw

6           **(j)     Committee on Culture, Historic Preservation and Agriculture**

7           Chairman:     Senator Myron D. Jackson  
8           Vice-Chair:   Senator Allison L. DeGazon  
9           Members:     Senator Oakland Benta  
10                            Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory  
11                            Senator Stedmann Hodge, Jr.  
12                            Senator Javan E. James, Sr.  
13                            Senator Steven D. Payne, Sr.

14          **(k)     Committee of the Whole**

15          Chair:   Senator Novelle E. Francis  
16          Vice-Chair:   Senator Myron D. Jackson  
17          Members:     Senator Alicia V. Barnes  
18                            Senator Oakland Benta  
19                            Senator Marvin A. Blyden  
20                            Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff  
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**Bill Summary**

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6 reestablishes the Majority Caucus.

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