

# Senator Sarauw

FEBRUARY 2018



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Townhall

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## OVERVIEW

Senator Sarauw started the month of February in a Committee of the Whole meeting addressing zoning request applications in the Territory, which became apparent certain guidelines needed to change. A positive step in the communication infrastructure was also in the works, as PR Wireless Sprint Affiliate also updated the Senator with their plans for restoration.

Throughout the month, the Senator would address concerns on loitering, National Guard's pay, and issues brought on in the aftermath of Irma and Maria. Before the end of the month, the good Senator would also provide guidance to a set of young Democrats as an invited keynote speaker to a meeting held by the Virgin Islands Young Democrats organized in St. Croix.

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# Committee of the Whole

## Zoning: A Comprehensive Land and Water use plan

On February 1st the Committee of the Whole met in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall, where Senators heard from petitioners and concerned residents about four Zoning Request Applications. The petitions presented were as followed:

1. Petition to Amend Official Zoning Map No. STZ-10 - requesting to amend Official Zoning Map No. STZ-10 from R-2 (Residential Low Density-One and Two Family) to C (Commercial) for Parcel No. 13 and 14-A Estate Frydenhoj, No.3 Red Hook Quarter, St. Thomas.

**Purpose: For a commercial building for various tenants.**

2. Petition to Amend Official Zoning Map No. STZ-6 - to amend Official Zoning Map No. STZ-6 from R-2 (Residential- Low Density- One and Two Family) to C (Commercial) for Parcel No. Remainder 30C Estate Elizabeth, No.81 Great Northside Quarter, St. Thomas.

**Purpose: To develop the scenic lookout for business use with retail (a gift shop) and concessions sale of food.**

3. Petition to Amend Official Zoning Map No. STZ-7 - to amend Official Zoning Map No. STZ-7 from R-3 (Residential- Medium Density) to B-2 (Business Secondary/Neighborhood) with a use variance for a billboard for Parcel No. 6D Estate Thomas, New Quarter, St. Thomas.

**Purpose: To erect a billboard and construct two, two-story buildings for office and retail use.**

4. Petition to Amend Official Zoning Map No. STZ-6 - requesting that a 3-2 (Business Secondary/ Neighborhood) rezoning or use variance be granted to the R-3 (Residential- Medium Density) zoned Parcel No. 2A-4 Estate Mandahi, No. 1 Great Northside Quarter, St Thomas.

**Purpose: Bring an existing company into compliance and allow for electrical equipment and supplies, repair services, repair work (mechanical), and office space.**

After hearing testimony from the petitioners and the justifiable concerns for their petitions, it became apparent to Senator Sarauw that certain guidelines needed to change regarding zoning in the Territory. "This Government erred when they allowed a hotel to be built in 1961 with five parking spaces. We erred when we allowed fastfood restaurants and gas stations to build on highways where cars impede traffic. We've erred in a lot of zoning requests and DPNR has erred tremendously as well", stated Senator Sarauw. "As a body we need to revisit some of the laws. We really need DPNR to enforce because this has become basically a ping pong match between residents, to department agencies, to different branches of Government and the buck is being passed, which ultimately effects the residents who want to develop because of the Government's lack of due diligence", stated the Senator.



# Senator Sarauw sits with PR Wireless' Executive Team

Post storms, in a move to re-establish communication services to Sprint customers in the Territory, Sprint joined with PR Wireless, Inc., a company based out of Puerto Rico, to form PR Wireless PR, LLC.

Upon invitation, the Executive Team of PR Wireless travelled to St. Thomas and met with Senator Sarauw and her staff on Friday, February 2, 2018; Senator Samuel Sanes, Senator Jean Forde, and a concerned constituent, Mr. Terence Thomas, also took part in the meeting. The following is the status update of their restoration efforts thus far:

## Network

- \* 7 sites are up in STT/STJ District, providing voice, data and LTE
- \* 5 sites are up in STX district, providing voice, data and LTE
- \* 80% service restoration completed in the Territory
- \* The build out team is still working on restoration, to be followed by optimization and finally, expansion of their service.

## Customer Service

- \* Customers have already begun to see credits through January 2018.
- \* All customers of the Virgin Islands within the affected network, will be credited through January 2018. The customer service team is still reaching out to customers to ensure that they receive said credits.
- \* Staff will be hired locally and trained to outfit the local Sprint store(s).

## Marketing

- \* PR Wireless will embark on an aggressive campaign to inform customers of their plans for restoration and moving forward as Sprint's service providers in the Territory.

Sprint, PR Wireless and Senator Sarauw's office has agreed to continue to maintain regular dialogue until full restoration has been established. "There was a great moment of mishap in the communication arena in the Territory post-storms. My goal is to fix that and to ensure that the people of this Territory are in a better place as it pertains to the communication infrastructure, than we were before the hurricanes. If what we heard at the table from PR Wireless comes to fruition, then Sprint customers will be much better serviced than before," said Senator Sarauw.



## Gangs in the Territory

During Senator Sarauw's term it has been quite apparent that the Senator has a special interest in the young people of this Territory. As a former educator of the public school system, Bill No. 32-0130 touched home when it made its way to the Committee of Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety. The proposed bill, sponsored by Senator Sanes, is an Act amending VIC, title 14, adding chapter 123 to enact "The Virgin Islands Criminal Street Gang Prevention Act" and title 33, chapter 111, adding section 3100w establishing the "Crime and Gang Prevention Fund". As a former teacher, the Senator had experience with students who were afflicted by gang-related activity, be it in school, violence, or traversing their neighborhoods. Contrary to some belief, gangs have definitely penetrated the school system as some student dropouts were gang related, gang symbols were noticeably represented on books, lockers, and clothing and students have experienced their classmates losing their life.

Among the bills also presented to the Committee were Bill No. 32-0013 and Bill No. 32-0127; Bill No. 32-0013 is an Act requiring that the Traffic Bureau installs surveillance cameras above all traffic signals in the Territory and Bill No. 32-0127 is an Act amending Virgin Islands Code, title 14, chapter 60, section 1191 to strengthen the loitering law and increase the sentence for loitering. As the Police Department sometimes rely on business owners to provide video to capture criminals, the use of the cameras in certain locations would assist the Department in apprehending individuals. However, the questions brought up would be on infrastructure and what it would take to establish the system. Senator Sarauw highlighted that there are over 50 grants available for highway safety which the Department can apply for assistance.

When it comes to loitering, "it's a very fine line because I fall in the category of that millennial who does have piercings, who have tattoos, so you don't want to stigmatize a group because of how they look. But in the same instance we have to look at the data between 2013 and 2017. We've had 11 homicides outside of bars and nightclubs in the St. Thomas/St. John district. The loitering bill as it stands does need some strengthening. For those of us that lived in the states, when I went away for college, when you go clubbing the police are literally pushing you to your car. You don't just sit outside a club. Innocent people remain in harms way. Look at Bria! A student home for college break never to return to college. That's a problem. The discussion must happen. It has to change", stated Senator Sarauw. Other concerns about the bill was loitering in terms of homeless people whereas the Attorney General expressed when it comes to wording the loitering law we have to be aware of people's constitutional rights. Part of the island culture is socializing or "liming" in certain areas so it's imperative the wording of the bill be considered.

Needless to say, Bill No. 32-0130 was motioned and voted favorably to proceed for consideration to the Committee of Rules and Judiciary. However, both Bill No. 32-0013 and Bill No. 32-0127 were voted to be held in committee for further consideration. As customary with Senator Sarauw to gather information from all stakeholders on the respective topic, the Senator had already scheduled a Loitering Town Hall.



# SAFETY AND LOITERING TOWN HALL



On Saturday, February 3, 2018, Senator Sarauw and her staff met with concerned constituents in the Earle. B. Ottley Legislative Hall for a Safety and Loitering Town Hall. The Town Hall was held as an opportunity for the community to express their concerns and partake on the issues of loitering. Both Senator Sarauw and Senator Francis had proposed legislation intended to provide protective measures to both citizens and business owners alike. Club owners, restaurant owners, and various business owners were invited to the Town Hall.

Senator Francis' Bill No 32-0127 was held in the committee of Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety because it needed amending. The bill defined loitering. However, the concern from the Attorney General was the proposed bill infringed on people's constitutional rights. Senator Sarauw also submitted a loitering bill that would provide the VIPD and law enforcement resources and avenues for better securing social events, particularly clubs. It also allows for specific parameters related to enforcement of the proposed law.

During the Town Hall, various ideas were exchanged with suggestions for time restrictions in certain business areas to be applied, the benefits of utilizing police officers as security in front of clubs, proper training for security officers – civilian and law enforcement offers alike, etc.

"It is imperative that we work together with all our partners who play important roles in the safety and security of our residents", stated Senator Sarauw. "Residents shouldn't have to worry about their safety when going into a local business", stated the Senator.

## Former Pres. visits the VI



On Monday, February 5th, former President of the United States, Bill Clinton, and members of the Clinton Foundation visited the islands of St. Thomas and St. John to conduct an observation of the destruction caused by hurricanes Irma and Maria. One of his stops was the Roy Lester Schneider hospital where he was accompanied by the Governor and Senators of the 32nd Legislature.

“It was great to see former President Clinton here and willing to assist with the rebuilding process with the support of the Clinton Foundation”, stated Senator Sarauw. “With the amount of damage our islands sustained the assistance is greatly appreciated”, stated the Senator.

## Frenchman’s Reef Closed



On February 7th Senator Sarauw and her Chief of Staff, Simone Edwards, joined members of the 32nd Legislature for a walkthrough of the devastated Frenchman’s Reef Marriot and Morning Star Beach Resort. The hotel is one of the many hotels that sustained severe damage from the hurricanes, which led to questions about the effects on Tourism and the status of its employees. As one of the biggest, if not the biggest, hotel on St. Thomas, the Frenchman’s Reef has around 400 employees. Senator Sarauw’s main concern remained the status of the employees, their well-being, their employment status, and provisions being made by the Marriot.

## #Millenialsonthefloor



“I had the privilege of being the keynote speaker for the St. Croix Young Democrats. What an amazing group of young people who are ready to take charge. Our future is bright. Tonight left me charged and further inspired to continue serving the people of this Territory. Shout out to Troy Williams for a superb job in mobilizing our generation.” – Sen Sarauw



## Donations for our schools

On February 13th Senator Sarauw and her staff delivered donated school supplies to the Ulla F. Muller Elementary School. Many of the students were intrigued and grateful for the tools which included: a pencil case, pencils, crayons, eraser, sharpener, ruler, glue stick, and a sticker. The supplies were collected and sent from Natalie Day, a professional basketball player, in a combined effort with schools in the DC/Maryland area who reached out to Senator Sarauw's Office to help coordinate providing assistance to schools in the Territory.

"It was fulfilling giving back to my former elementary school, Ulla F. Muller. Thanks to Natalie Day for mobilizing the teachers in the DMV area who sent our children much needed school supplies. It takes a village and we appreciate everything done for the VI post storm", stated the Senator.

(Fun Fact: Senator Sarauw graduated from Ulla Muller as the Salutatorian)



## School Tours: Revive Humanity

With the islands trying to re-group in the aftermath of Hurricanes Irma and Maria, various organizations reached out to Senator Sarauw's office to help provide recovery assistance. One of the organizations, Revive Humanity, came and toured some of the hurricane stricken schools with Senator Sarauw and her staff along with the Chairman of the Committee on Education, Senator Jean Forde. Among the schools visited were Ulla F. Muller, CAHS, and Joseph Gomez where members from Revive Humanity got the opportunity to tour the schools and get feedback from the principals, teachers, and the students that were functioning with shared resources. Besides some of the schools being condemned, the surviving schools lost their libraries, had limited internet if any, damaged computers, and lost some of their Promethean boards.

In discussion with Ryan Ogden, Executive Director of Revive Humanity, the organization did the tour to evaluate where they can assist with intentions on returning to St. Thomas to help rebuild or donate to the public schools. The organization Revive Humanity travels the world providing service to the local communities. For more information on the organization visit [www.revivehumanity.org](http://www.revivehumanity.org)





# Subpoena!

With a failure to appear both in January and February to testify before the Committee of Homeland, Security and Justice, Brigadier General Deborah Y. Howell, Adjutant General Virgin Islands National Guard and Honorable Mona Barnes, Director Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency were subpoenaed to appear on February 15th before the Committee to give updates on VITEMA and the National Guards. Members of the Legislative body felt the no show by the invited testifiers was disrespectful not only to the Legislature but to the people of the Virgin Islands.

According to the subpoena, Brigadier General Howell would have to provide information on:

- (a) why all Territorial Active Duty Checks addressed to individual soldiers were opened without their permission;
- (b) why and who made the decision to pay the soldiers at the 1999 pay scale level instead of the 2018 rate;
- (c) why were National Guard engineers who have the knowhow and capability of removing debris not used in removing debris territory wide;
- (d) provide a list of National Guard members that have not been paid and of those that have been paid how many are still owed a portion of their pay and the expected time period within which they will be paid;
- (e) provide testimony relative to the National Guard's response and preparedness to both category five hurricanes, namely Irma and Maria and the present state of recovery and restoration;
- (f) Provide testimony on any and all matters not specifically Listed in the Subpoena which involve the National Guard as it relates to the Territory of the Virgin Islands; and
- (g) the number of generators receive by the National Guard, if any, and to whom they were assigned.

Mona Barnes would have to provide:

- (a) the number of generators and their output capacity that came into possession of VITEMA and where and to whom they were assigned in the aftermath of hurricanes Irma and Maria;
- (b) The degree of preparedness before hurricanes Irma and Maria and the response after the hurricanes;
- (c) The degree of recovery and restoration to date; and
- (d) Any other matters not listed herein related to the VITEMA that affects the state of Emergency declared by the Governor.

“It shouldn’t take a subpoena to come before the body to testify on pressing matters as it pertains to storm preparedness, post storm activities and lessons learned to harden our processes. It’s sad this body had to operate on under such exigent circumstances to get the leading emergency management agencies here”, stated Senator Sarauw. “Both branches have to pull up their socks and do better for the people of this Territory.”



## “The Elephant in the Room” National Guards’ payment

On Thursday, February 15th, Brigadier General Deborah Y. Howell, Adjutant General Virgin Islands National Guard and Honorable Mona Barnes, Director Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency were present before the Committee on Homeland Security per the subpoena issued to both for failure to appear when summoned by the 32nd Legislature. Respectively, each were summoned to provide updates on relief efforts and to provide requested information per the subpoena.

During testimony Mona Barnes expressed her concerns on about the served subpoena. She stated she would never disrespect the Legislative body and noted she was never served the first subpoena. Per Ms. Barnes testimony in response to the subpoena:

**(A) The number of generators and their output capacity that came into possession of VITEMA and where and to whom they were assigned in the aftermath of hurricanes Irma and Maria?:** VITEMA was offered 18 3,750 Watt generators by the Tim Duncan Foundation because they were considered 1st responders, which were distributed to the VITEMA staff in both districts who demonstrated a need. All other generators arrived on the Territory were the property of the Federal Government and not in the possession of VITEMA.

**(B) The degree of preparedness before hurricanes Irma and Maria and the responses after the hurricanes:** Every year VITEMA works with departments and agencies to achieve preparedness through training and exercise. Community preparedness was promoted through outreach activities and public service announcements. VITEMA also coordinated with federal partners in preparation for hurricane season. In the days leading up to Hurricane Irma, VITEMA began operations at all of the Territory’s emergency operation centers. Post Irma, VITEMA immediately went into action to coordinate response efforts. Worked with the FEMA incident management assistance teams that were deployed across the Territory. With Hurricane Maria, recovery efforts on St. Thomas and St. John were setback, as well as created additional response challenges for the entire territory.

**(C) The degree of recovery and restoration to date:** Our response to these two storms must be recognized as a model by many of how to respond to natural disasters. Our insular location made some things difficult to evacuate swiftly, but we made adjustments and were successful. In a short five months, we have restored power to 98% of eligible households and businesses; our students were returned to school quickly; we have been able to properly utilize our federal dollars and work well with our federal partners to ensure that our residents were not forgotten.

**(D) Any other matters not listed herein related to VITEMA that affects the state of emergency declared by the Governor:** This matter is substantially broad; therefore there is no real way for me to respond. However, I am open to receive your questions, and to the extent that they are relevant and I can answer, I will do so.

Upon General Howell's testimony, the suggestion to address "the elephant in the room" was suggested, which was the concerns on the National Guards' pay. Based on her testimony, the VI National Guard is a very expensive force and one of the highest paid in the nation. An E1 private would make \$53.33 a day federal active duty, and I've added allowances of \$22.01 giving the private \$75.34, being liberal. A private in the Virgin Islands National Guard would earn \$93.16 under the currently used payscale and \$161.47 using published code rate and probably higher. The payscale issue has to be resolved.



Upon questioning, the Brigadier admitted that checks were opened, considered to many to be a violation of privacy. As Senators continued to question, the point was made that many of the National Guards felt disrespected because of the lack of payment. In a state of emergency, the Guards are expected to serve and as such in return they need to be paid for their service.

Upon Senator Sarauw's questioning, the Senator referenced the Governor's State of the Territory Address, "what's unfair is the Governor's condescending tone in the State of the Territory Address where he said that soldiers need to submit their I9 forms so they may be paid. That was his justification in the most important speech of his political career as to why soldiers were not being paid. Today, we have another story about the law. The lack of communication. To advert hysteria, you have to have some level of communication", stated the Senator. The Senator presented a five-page letter from December 19th with signatures from Guards who didn't understand why they are not being paid. "We know hurricane season is coming up and whether or not there was a discrepancy in the law, if the 31st didn't act, if this body didn't act we still need to pay them. They worked so they have to be paid. That kills moral! This government seems like we have a hard time paying. We have a hard time paying trash haulers, we're not paying police officers on time. We're not paying first responders on time. We have National Guards not being paid and moral plummets at that point. If we had a tsunami who were we expected to call out, the same Guards we didn't pay? That makes things hard. I'm just stressing the importance of taking care of humans, they are the vehicles that drive organizations."

In terms of future preparedness, the Senator suggested to both agencies to have a separate contingency plan for the residents of St. John to better serve the people, for both agencies to have better anticipation for the Hurricane Season, and the possibility of creating a bunker for immediate supplies that can provide aid to the Territory for a few days before receiving outside assistance. Further questioning in reference to the tsunami warning system revealed the sirens were solar powered but failed due to damages from Hurricanes Irma and Maria. Senator Sarauw questioned if the agency had a contingency plan for failure of the tsunami sirens and a way to notify the public, which VITEMA assured the Senator they did.

"With climate change as a major factor, we cannot take the upcoming hurricane season lightly", stated the Senator. "We are still in recovery mode but we should be better prepared when it comes to a worse case scenario".



# The Future of VI Healthcare “TELEMEDICINE”

With a world that is technology driven it is no surprise that technology continues to grow especially in the field of modern medicine. Telemedicine is defined as the practice that “allows health care professionals to evaluate, diagnose and treat patients at a distance using telecommunications technology”, according to [chironhealth.com](http://chironhealth.com). “Although the terms telemedicine and telehealth are often used interchangeably, there is a distinction between the two.

The term telehealth includes a broad range of technologies and services to provide patient care and improve the healthcare delivery system as a whole. Telehealth is different from telemedicine because it refers to a broader scope of remote healthcare services than telemedicine. While telemedicine refers specifically to remote clinical services, telehealth can refer to remote non-clinical services, such as provider training, administrative meetings, and continuing medical education, in addition to clinical services. According to the World Health Organization, telehealth includes, “Surveillance, health promotion and public health functions.”

Telemedicine involves the use of electronic communications and software to provide clinical services to patients without an in-person visit. Telemedicine technology is frequently used for follow-up visits, management of chronic conditions, medication management, specialist consultation and a host of other clinical services that can be provided remotely via secure video and audio connections.” Now imagine having this service available in the Virgin Islands.

On February 22nd, Bill No. 32-0147, sponsored by Senator Nereida Rivera-O’Reilly, was presented during the Committee on Rules and Judiciary. This Act amending Title 27 of the Virgin Islands Code, Chapter 1, Subchapter I, relating to the special restricted licensing of physicians and subchapter IIa relating to the practice of telemedicine; amending Title 19, Chapter 15, relating to the licensing inspection and regulation of healthcare facilities and health services; and amending, Title 33, Chapter 3, relating to exemptions from the payment of gross receipts on all Medicaid and Medicare payments. The aim of this bill was to remove some of the stipulations that put restrictions on local physicians and attract new ones to the Territory. Hopefully resulting in a better healthcare system and a more affordable one to the community. The use of telemedicine would be more convenient for residents and physicians alike.

“There is a lot of Virgin Islanders that travel to receive healthcare, but we should be able to offer services to the people of this Territory”, stated Senator Sarauw. “We should be able to service from a child to the elderly. We are doing people a disservice.”



# “Status on Education”

During the Committee of Education, Youth, and Recreation, invited testifier Sharon McCollum, Ph.D., Commissioner of V.I. Department of Education, provided updates to the status on the department. Senators became concerned as the Commissioner started to list the schools that would be marked condemned and the proposed plans for the students.

Territory wide, the Department of Education lost the use of eight schools to include the Curriculum Center and Procurement Warehouse. Two schools on St. Thomas/ St. John and six schools in St. Croix. A team from the Army Corp of Engineers and the maintenance division of Dept. of Education did the assessments on the conditions of all the public schools in the Territory. As a result, due to the lack of facilities, the Department made the decision to conduct double sessions with Charlotte Amalie High School to house Addelita Cancryn Junior High School, Ulla F. Muller Elementary School to house Gladys Abraham Elementary School, and on St. Croix, John H. Woodson Junior High School and Elena Christian Junior High School would be at Central High School.

With the intent of implementing double session, the concern shifted to the required number of hours students are required to fulfill for the academic school year. According to Commissioner McCollum, students will meet the requirements based on 180 instructional days, not hours.

“It’s imperative that we provide our students with the resources they need to excel. We are combining schools to accommodate but what about the condition of the remaining schools? Our student’s health is also a major factor when making these decisions”, stated Senator Sarauw.





# Securing our local treasures

## Committee on Workforce Development, Consumer Affairs, and Culture

The Virgin Islands suffered a devastating blow on Sept 6th with Hurricane Irma and again on Sept 19th as Hurricane Maria touched the Virgin Islands shores. Many areas were affected, communication failed, hospitals destroyed, minimal lives taken, and curfew remained in effect with the National Guard deployed. With the chaos caused in what was now a state of emergency many turned to the local government for answers. With every government agency suffering from hurricane damage, questions soon started to surface as to the condition of Government House, Estate Catherineberg, the Legislature, Fort Christian, and all the antique VI treasures therein. With pictures that would make their way to social media, the question was, “what is the status of these artifacts?”

On February 26th, Bill No. 32-0024, an Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, section I to provide for the position of Curator and amending title 31 Virgin Islands Code to add a chapter 42 establishing the Preservation of Historic Government Collections Act and for other purposes, was presented during the Committee hearing for Workforce Development, Consumer Affairs, and Culture. The bill proposed by Senator Jackson, would set the ground for an official curator or multiple curators to monitor, keep records and ensure the safety of our treasures.

Senator Sarauw opened the floor for an eight-minute round of questioning. The panel of testifiers were questioned on many topics to include the values and whereabouts of government historical assets, the qualifications needed for a Curator position, if there should be one Curator or should there be a Curator for each facility, and why aren't the artifacts on display or accessible to the public? Among the invited testifiers were Smithsonian Institution's

Under Secretary for History, Art, and Culture, Richard Kurin; Director of Protocol for the Office of the Governor, Lisa Webster-Potter and Territorial Acting Director of Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums, Arlene Pinney-Benjamin. Throughout the hearing many were in support of a Curator, however some were still hesitant and concerned as to the qualifications and expectations of the position.

“I don't understand why these artifacts are not on display for Virgin Islanders to learn about their history”, stated Senator Sarauw. “Who really has access to them? We need to know that these items are safe and preserved and also accessible for the next generation. It's part of our history”, stated the Senator.

Coming to the end of Block I, Senator Sarauw closed with a four-minute round of questioning. Bill Number 32-0024 as amended by Amendment No. 32-376 was moved by Senator Jackson and seconded by Senator Smith. Votes were 5 Yea and 2 Absent therefore moving the Bill to the Committee of Rules and Judiciary.



# CRAFTING POLICY

DATE SUBMITTED	SUMMARY	ASSIGNED NUMBER	STATUS
7/31/2017	Amendment of Act 7938 to include ban on importation, use or sale of all styrofoam and plastic straws.	32-476	Re-assigned to Attorney Mollah
7/31/2017	Bill requesting transfer on death beneficiaries for vehicles	17-0772	Pre-empted/ Co-Sponsoring with Senator Forde/BR-17-0031
8/1/2017	Recognition of Ms. Lorna Freeman	17-0780; NEW BR 17-0709	Pre-empted/Primary Sponsor with Senator DeGraff/BR-17-0709
8/4/2017	Bill requesting merger of WICO and Virgin Islands Port Authority	17-0781	Primary Sponsor with Senator Sanes/ BR 17-0551
8/15/2017	Amendment to change school year to align with districts within the 50 states.	32-486	Pre-empted [Senator Roach]
8/16/2017	Amendment to add moratorium on gas stations STT/STX	32-488	Pre-empted/Primary Sponsor with Senator Sanes/ Bill No 32-0133
8/16/2017	Bill to impose a fee on money transmissions	17-0798	Pre-empted [Senator Hansen]
8/18/2017	Amendment to create Dept Tourism & Culture	17-0806	Partially pre-empted [Blyden] BR 17-0182/Am 32-123
8/23/2017	Amendment to re-appropriate funds from Hotel Development Fund to SPR for 5 vans	32-496	Revoked request- Replaced with Amend. No. 32-553
8/28/2017	Bill to establish probate Division	17-0820	Draft Received 2/22/2018 (Signed and returned to Legal)
8/29/2017	Amendment to curb violence by strengthening loitering laws	32-506	Assigned to Attorney Augustin Ayala First Draft Received/ Edited

DATE SUBMITTED	SUMMARY	ASSIGNED NUMBER	STATUS
9/1/2017	Amendmnet to add "sick" to the Pharmaceutical Assitance program	32-512	Assigned to Att. Tharpes
10/19/2017	Resolution to recognize climate change as a policy issue	17-0836	Assigned to Att. Rogers
10/24/2017	Repeal of Act 7987 Title I, Sec 2-6 - Sin Tax	32-521	Assigned to Att. Tharpes
12/1/2017	Amendment to CDL loan changing interest to 5%	32-550	<b>PASSED 12/1/17</b>
12/1/2017	Amend Act 7866, sec. 1 adding 200,000 for acquisition of Passenger vans for DSPR	32-553	<b>PASSED 12/21/17</b>
1/9/2018	Re-submitted Recognition of Ms. Lorna Freeman	18-0885	Rescended
1/10/2018	Resolution to recognize The Family Resource Center, Inc.	18-0887	Drafted Received 1/25/2018 (Signed and returned to Legal)
1/25/2018	Amendment to provide definition for bona fide resident		Rescended
2/9/2018	A bill for employee deductions to be directly deposited into GERS account.	18-0932	Assigned Att. S. Rogers
2/13/2018	A bill to legalize and regulate cannabis	18-0938	Pre-empted [Senator Nelson]
2/15/2018	For VIDOL to be recognized as a State Apprenticeship Agency.	18-0948	Drafted by Attorney Tharpes & Received
2/22/2018	Amendment for government personnel as candidates to take leave 1 month prior primary/general election.	18-0961	Held in Committee

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SENATOR SARAUW  
FINANCIAL REPORT\***



32nd Legislature of the Virgin Islands  
Office of the Honorable Janelle K Sarauw  
2018, February Financial Report

\* Annual budgets for all senator offices is allotted at the start of the year.  
Senator Sarauw has been allotted half of this.

**EXPENDITURES**

LINE ITEM	DESCRIPTION	MONTHLY \$	YTD
<b>TRAVEL (AIR/HOTEL*)</b>	[Senator] [Staff]	\$360	\$3,189.04
<b>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b>		\$0	\$1,420
<b>OFFICE EQUIPMENT</b>	Internet/Cable, Maintenance	\$1,230.28	\$6,415.92
<b>OFFICE SUPPLIES</b>	Paper, envelopes, pens, pencils, binders, folders, etc	\$258.66	\$2,832.56
<b>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>	Printing Committee Expenditures	\$1,133.23	\$ 2,792.23
<b>MISC</b>		\$0	\$1,700.08
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$2,982.17</b>	<b>\$18,349.83</b>

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Next Month

- **Seatrade Cruise Global**
- **Sounds of the Virgin Isles**
- **Committee on Workforce Development**



Senator Sarauw presenting the current loitering bill to attendees during the Loitering Town Hall.