

The Virgin Islands Consortium

Mapp Leaves Territory Today For West Virginia To Attend Annual Meeting On Energy

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ST. THOMAS -- Governor Kenneth Mapp will leave the territory today for West Virginia and return on October 2, as he attends the Southern States Energy Board (SSEB) annual meeting, a press release issued by Government House early this morning has revealed.

The governor is a board member of the organization.

SSEB is a non-profit interstate compact organization created in 1960 and established under public laws 87-563 and 92-440. Its mission is to enhance economic development and the quality of life in the south through innovations in energy and environmental

policies, programs and technologies, according to the press release.

Sixteen southern states and two territories comprise the membership of SSEB: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, U.S. Virgin Islands, Virginia and West Virginia. Each jurisdiction is represented by the governor and a legislator from the House and Senate.

A governor serves as the chair and legislators serve as vice-chair and treasurer. Ex-officio non-voting board members include a federal representative appointed by the President of the United States, the Southern Legislative Conference Energy and Environment Committee Chair and SSEB's executive director, who serves as secretary.

At the event, Mapp will make a presentation to members titled: "Critical Energy Strategies for U.S. Territories".

While the governor is away, Lieutenant Governor Osbert Potter will act as governor of the territory, according to law.