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VIPD Commissioner Approved; Tishelle Knight Of Cool Session Brass, Alvin Paul And Robert O'Connor Recognized For Contributions To Community

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VIPD Commissioner Nominee Trevor Velinor was approved by lawmakers during a Monday Senate session, a move that finally gives the Virgin Islands Police Department a permanent boss nine months after Governor Albert Bryan took office.

Senators approved [a number of bills as well](#), including loitering and backseat seatbelt measures.

And they passed resolutions honoring two well-known individuals in the U.S. Virgin Islands: Bill No. 33-0020, a resolution honoring and commending Tishelle Knight, lead singer of Cool Session Brass, for her accomplishments, service and musical contributions to the Virgin Islands; and Bill No. 33-0060, a resolution posthumously honoring and commending Alvin “Ali” Paul for his contributions to the culture of the Virgin Islands through the Mocko Jumbie art form, were approved by senators.

Bill No. 33-0082, an Act honoring and commending Robert O’Connor, Jr. for his commitment to the people of the Virgin Islands through his service as a senator, his membership on the Port Authority board and his work as a community leader by naming the new Port Authority maintenance building in his honor, was also approved.

Additionally, Christopher Finch was approved to become a member of the Virgin Islands Government Hospitals and Health Facilities Corporation; Dr. Brian Bacot was approved to become a member of the Board of Medical Examiners in the St. Thomas/St. John District, and Rupert Ross was approved as the director for the Bureau of Information Technology.