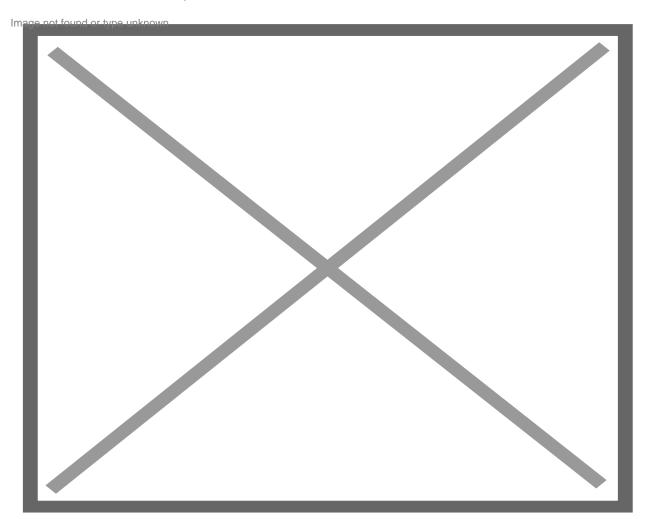
## These Are the Committee Assignments, Majority Caucus Members and Officeholders of the 35th Legislature

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The 35th Legislature took effect on Monday following a swearing-in ceremony, and the new body has announced committee assignments, officeholders and the establishment of the Majority Caucus.

Senator Novelle Francis was elected as president of the 35th Legislature — his second presidency in four years.

## **Officeholders**

Senator Marvin A. Blyden will serve as vice president; Senator Carla J. Joseph will serve as secretary; Senator Kenneth L. Gittens will serve as Majority Leader; Senator Marise C. James will serve as Secretary for Intergovernmental Territorial Affairs; Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory will serve as Liaison to the United States Congress; Senator Carla J. Joseph will serve as Liaison to the United States Department of Interior & Office of Insular Affairs; and Senator Kenneth L. Gittens will serve as Liaison to the White House.

The Committee on Rules and Judiciary will be chaired by Senator Diane T. Capehart, and vice chaired by Senator Milton E. Potter. The Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will be chaired by Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory, and vice chaired by Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr. The Committee on Health, Hospitals, and Human Services will be chaired by Senator Ray Fonseca and vice chaired by Senator Kenneth L. Gittens. The Committee on Education and Workforce Development will be chaired by Senator Marise C. James and vice chaired by Donna A. Frett-Gregory.

## **Committee Assignments**

The Committee on Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure and Planning will be chaired by Milton E. Potter, and vice chaired by Senator Diane T. Capehart; the Committee on Economic Development and Agriculture will be chaired by Senator Javan E. James, Sr., and Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.; the Committee on Homeland Security, Justice, and Public Safety will be chaired by Senator Kenneth L. Gittens, and vice chaired by Senator Ray Fonseca; the Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection will be chaired by Senator Carla J. Joseph and vice chaired by Javan E. James, Sr.; the Committee on Housing, Transportation, and Telecommunications will be chaired by Senator Marvin A. Blyden and vice chaired by Marise C. James; the Committee on Culture, Sports, Parks, and Youth will be chaired by Senator Angel L. Bolques, and vice chaired by Senator Marvin A. Blyden.

## **Majority Caucus**

The majority caucus is comprised of Senators Novelle. E. Francis, Jr., Marvin A. Blyden, Carla J. Joseph, Angel L. Bolques, Jr., Diane T. Capehart, Ray Fonseca, Donna A. Frett-Gregory, Kenneth L. Gittens, Javan E. James, Sr., Marise C. James, and Milton E. Potter.

The 35th Legislature was formed during a regular legislative session on Monday and will reconvene on Jan. 23 for Governor Bryan's State of the Territory Address.

All members of the 35th Legislature were present at today's legislative session. The newly elected members of the 35th Legislature are Marvin A. Blyden, Angel L. Bolques, Jr., Diane T. Capehart, Samuel Carrión, Dwayne M. Degraff, Ray Fonseca, Alma Francis Heyliger, Novelle E. Francis, Jr., Donna A. Frett-Gregory, Kenneth L. Gittens, Javan E. James, Sr., Marise C. James, Franklin D. Johnson, Carla J. Joseph, and Milton E. Potter.

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