

State of the Madness (Territory) Address Jan 25, 2009

Good evening members of the 28th Legislature, former Senators; members of the Judiciary both local and federal; members of my Cabinet (who have worked all last week on coordinating their applause on cue); to each and everyone viewing on television, listening on radio or via the Internet. I am Governor John P. DeJongh, Jr. and in accordance with Virgin Islands Law, I stand before you to deliver what may very well be my final state of the Territory address as Governor. Any other person faced with the complete mess that I have created for myself, would stand before you with their head hung low. I won't because I have NO SHAME WHATSOEVER. I am a well documented thief and liar, but that phases me not. When I ran for Governor in 2002, the Democrats exposed me for the failure that I am, and gave me the name "John DeWolf". I was soundly defeated and went into a state of depression. People close to me encouraged me to run again in 2006. I reluctantly agreed and was amazed that, by running as a Democratic candidate, those same Democrats championed my cause and got me into Government House.

Economics

The state of the Territory is precarious. We are at a crossroads and decisions we make in the very near future will determine the direction in which we will go as a people. Our economic future is bright. The bonds to finance the Diablo, excuse me I meant Diageo, agreement have been floated and construction has begun on the Diageo facility. The construction has resulted in an economic boom on the island of St. Croix. Admittedly, some 90% of the construction dollars have been committed to outside firms who have brought in their own heavy equipment along with workers from Mexico and elsewhere. AND SO

WHAT??? The other 10% has been designated to local businesses, so quit whining.

I have been receiving private remedial math classes to try and understand the math involved with the Diageo, Cruzan, and Alpine agreements. My impression thus far: “Well I’ll be DAMN” (shaking my head). Here I was thinking that pain was a result of hemorrhoids. It is said that if you want to hide something from a black man, put it in a book because black people don’t like to read. That appears to be true because we have structured the Cruzan agreement in such a manner as to force Cruzan out of the bulk rum business, despite testimony & proof that Cruzan bulk rum is rated amongst the best on the planet. Furthermore, demand for Cruzan’s bulk rum far exceeds their capacity to produce it. Why would we take that posture? We did it to make room in the bulk rum business for Diageo. (who is NOT currently a producer of bulk rum). Together We Can (applause).

Under my leadership, the DeJongh regime has borrowed some \$300 Million of \$900 Million 2010 Fiscal year budget. With Diageo and the new Cruzan facility at least another 2-3 years away, we will be confronted with the dilemma of how to bridge the financial gap. I had a plan to address the shortfall, but that plan was halted by the Courts. What you people didn’t realize is that the bonding capacity (Borrowing cap) of the territory, by law, is ten (10%) percent of the total assessed property values. We sent out the property tax bills at the higher level, despite Judge Gomez’s clear order prohibiting same. Our goal was to collect property taxes at a higher rate, while increasing our borrowing cap. The additional cap would’ve allowed me to borrow my way through my entire tenure as Governor. How then will we bridge the financial

gap? How the heck would I know? Fear not. Together We Can (applause)

EDUCATION

On the matter of Education, the Department of Education is on the move. The teachers' union was gracious enough to accept a 4-year deal, halfway through my first term. This was huge. It took away any leverage the teachers had on my regime. Their agreement will come up for renewal under one of two scenarios: 1) I would have lost in the re-election bid, or: 2) I would be in my second term and prohibited from seeking a third term. Under either scenario, I won't give a damn about anybody's labor issues.

Commissioner Terry has committed to spend more than 45 days in the territory during 2010, 30 of which she will spend on the campaign trail with me. Together We Can (applause). We contracted with "Learn-IT", a company formed in the VI by employees of Sylvan Testing Center on St. Croix, to conduct an academic enrichment program during Summer 2009. The program was a huge success. We continued the program as an after-school program during the school year, open to all students. Together We Can. (applause). We just renewed the Learn-It contract for one year, and if memory serves me correctly, that contract did not go out on bid. Despite the fact that Learn-It pays teachers in the territory \$22/hr while simultaneously paying \$44/hr, I consider Learn-It to be a model corporate citizen. Let me take this opportunity to publicly "Thank" Learn-It for contributing surplus books to my office. I was able to use these books to have my "Governor's Summer Reading Challenge".

As has been done by previous administrations, this administration also ignores VI Law that mandates VI history be taught to students from grades K thru 12. However, I am proud to announce that Commissioner Terry and her team are on the verge of paying millions of dollars to outsiders, who don't know a damn thing about VI culture or history, to rewrite the curriculum taught in our schools. Together We Can (applause)

CRIME

Crime continues to run rampant throughout the territory. I have replaced James McCall, with Novelle Francis, as Police Commissioner. McCall has been reassigned to the Justice Department as a Special Assistant to the Attorney General. He's primarily responsible for conducting background checks and investigations. There was a delay in identifying a funding source to pay for McCall to attend a Basic Internet User Training Course in the state of California. Unfortunately, this delay allowed Wilson Campbell, our new Department of Justice Chief of Criminal Division, aka "Agent 116" to slip through the crack and be hired. I have been assured by my Idiot Attorney General Vincent Frazer that such an OVERSIGHT will not occur again, as Mr. McCall is now certified in using Google.

Dr. Iris Kerns maintains her position as a Special Assistant to the Attorney General, despite her role in coordinating the illegal payments (bribes) of witnesses in a high-profile homicide case. My Idiot Attorney general continues the practice of "selective prosecution", and has assured me that this matter will be no different. Dr. Kerns has yet to be suspended, placed on Administrative Leave, or subjected to any meaningful reprimand.

The Courts have been burdened with the costs associated with the new trials, and this time around the strategy of the AG to ensure prosecution

has changed. The “Selective Prosecution Doctrine” has been invoked to conclude that most of the parties involved in the witness tampering (bribery) scheme will not be prosecuted. The only party in that scheme that is subject to prosecution is the one witness critical to the defense of the lone person still facing homicide charges in this case. Talk about strategy? Together We Can (applause)

Our new grossly-overpriced 911 system is now up and running, and our 911 centers are operational. Feedback from the law enforcement community is less than favorable, but we expect that to drastically change, once we work all the kinks out of the system.

We are in the midst of negotiating a Diageo-like, one-sided contract with a Public Relations firm to develop a brand new public-relations campaign. This anti-crime campaign will teach the masses to “*Do as We say, and not as WE DO*”

The Police Department, under Commissioner Francis, has been making strides in their efforts against crime. I do acknowledge that their efforts are very much hampered by what has been taking place in my administration. My piss-poor strategists and I have grossly underestimated the awareness of the people of the Virgin Islands. While many continue to sit on their ass pretending to live in some sort of Fantasyland, there is a groundswell of people who have awakened and are paying greater attention to what is taking place around them. Constantly surrounded by multitude of “yes-men & yes-women”, I hadn’t noticed the guys hanging out on the street corner reading local newspapers. Furthermore, there have been a series of embarrassing events. My nephew was caught in the Hospital Ground area in possession of an unlicensed firearm, and his arrest never made it to Court. Another very close relative was involved in the discharging of a firearm in the Frenchtown area, and that matter was also squashed. My billionaire convicted sex-offender friend, Jeffrey Epstein, applied for EDC benefits for one of his companies. His application was denied by

the EDA Board. Epstein called me and in turn, I called down to the EDA and had the Executive Director sign off on the Epstein application.

Despite all of this, I am quite the optimist that we can still get a grip on crime. I have upheld my commitment to open a Red Hook police substation, in exchange for a 6-figure donation to my 2006 campaign. If only we can get Reef Broadcasting and menacing websites like demmansay.com and cruciansinfofocus.com would get on board with mainstream media, and only report what we instruct them to, we would be able to keep the public in the dark about what my administration is doing. Damn!! Together We Can (standing ovation). As for Recon International Investigative Services, we're going to get you, if it's the last thing we do.

I am sure that all of you have been waiting for me to comment on MafolieGate. I am very upset with "Recon" Olive, Sen. Donastorg, Sen. Neville James, demmansay.com, and cruciansinfofocus.com for not letting this issue die. Thanks to you irresponsible non-team players I am now being put in a position to repay the funds we stole from the VI treasury. Well, the joke is on you. The money will be repaid in short order. I see my timekeeper indicating that I have spoken long enough, so I will wrap up.

Let me wrap up by thanking Senators Louis Hill, Michael Thurland, Samuel Sanes, Patrick Sprauve, Craig Barshinger, Carlton Dowe, Celestino White, and Wayne James for being so "anal retentive". Through your desire for inclusion, and willingness to ignore those you were elected to represent, combined with your eagerness to hand over your fiduciary responsibilities your lump-sum budgets have paved the way for me to repay the MafolieGate money using public funds.

Special Thank You goes out to our make-up artist, for doing such a wonderful job on my cabinet members who I have thrown under the bus.

All of you are sitting here and none of the tire marks from the bus are visible. My time is up. Good Evening Folks. See you at Cathrineberg, unfit for a Governor to live, but a great place to party.