heretofore given to the State of Minnesota, as provided by Chapter 418, General Laws of 1927, and all liability thereunder shall be released and discharged by the return to the state treasurer of the State of Minnesota the rural credit bonds described in said act, and the cancellation and destruction of said bonds by him in the presence of the State Auditor, and the filing in the office of the State Auditor of a certificate signed by the State Auditor and the State Treasurer reciting the delivery, cancellation, and destruction of said Minnesota rural credit bonds.

Approved March 9, 1929.

## CHAPTER 50-H. F. No. 496

An act amending Chapter 140, General Laws 1927, permitting certain counties to purchase, maintain, and use dredge or ditching machines for ditching and for ditch repair operations.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. That Chapter 140, General Laws 1927 be and hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

- "Section 1. Counties may purchase dredges in certain cases.—In any county of this state having an area of not more than 2500 square miles and open drainage ditches heretofore constructed of not less than 240 miles in length, the board of county commissioners, with the written consent of the commissioner of drainage and waters first procured and filed in the office of the county auditor, may purchase, in the manner provided by law for the purchase of road machinery and equipment, a dredge or ditching machine for use by the county in cleaning out, in the construction of new ditches and repairing county, judicial or state ditches."
- "Sec. 2. May lease machines to contractors.—The county board, in any county which has purchased such dredge or ditching machine, may employ the same in cleaning out, in the construction of new ditches and repairing county road ditches and may use, or allow the use thereof by a contractor, in the construction of new ditches and in the cleaning out or repairing of any county, judicial or state ditch heretofore constructed, on such terms and conditions as to rental and maintenance charges for the use thereof as the board shall determine to be fair and reasonable. The charges for such rental and the expense of maintenance of the machine, when employed by the board on any county, judicial or state ditch-cleaning or in the construction of new ditches or repair work, shall constitute a part of the cost of such construction, cleaning and repair operation and shall be paid out of the proper ditch fund provided for the

maintenance of the ditch so cleaned, constructed, or repaired, all such charges for the use of the machine to be credited to the county."

Approved March 9, 1929.

## CHAPTER 51—H. F. No. 799

An act to appropriate money for the payment of salaries of the judges of the district courts.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Appropriations for salaries for Judges of the District Court.—That there is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$108,376.24, to be made immediately available, for the payment of the salaries of the judges of the District Courts due and to become due during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929, said amount to be disbursed by the State Auditor.

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## CHAPTER 52-H. F. No. 800

An act to appropriate money for the payment of salary of the Lieutenant Governor and the salary and mileage of members of the Legislature and for the payment of the per diem of the officers and employes of and all other expenses of the Legislature, including payment of necessary supplies therefor.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Appropriations for legislative expense.—That the sum of \$100,000.00 or so much thereof as may be found necessary be and the same hereby is appropriated from the revenue fund for the payment of the salary of the Lieutenant Governor and the salary and mileage of the members of the Legislature, and for the payment of the per diem of the officers and employes of, and all the other expenses of, the Legislature, including payment of necessary supplies therefor; provided that the moneys so appropriated shall be used and expended as prescribed by the rules and joint rules of the respective bodies of the Legislature, and each such body is authorized to make payments for salaries and other expenses in conformity with its rules and joint rules and its regulations.

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