

(2) A plank covering of the same width, securely spiked, extending the full length of the ties, the planks not more than one inch apart, the flangeways between the planking and the rails not more than *three* inches in width, the surface of the planking on a level with the top of the rails; the flangeway edge of the plank in any such crossing hereafter built shall be suitably faced or otherwise protected with metal, and when any existing crossing is rebuilt or the flangeway planks thereof are renewed, the flangeway edge of such planks shall be similarly faced or protected by metal.

In municipalities such grades and planking shall extend the full width of the street, or of that part thereof graded or used for travel, and like planking shall be placed between all tracks which are not more than 15 feet apart, and a suitable sidewalk shall be constructed by the company to connect with and correspond to the walks constructed and installed by the municipality or by owners of abutting property, but cement or concrete construction shall not be required in track space actually occupied by the railroad ties if some substantial and suitable sidewalk material is used in lieu thereof. In case of roads newly established, such crossings shall be constructed within 30 days after the service on the nearest station agent or section foreman of such company of a notice, signed by the proper officer or officers having charge of such road, that such crossing is required.

Approved April 5, 1955.

CHAPTER 346—H. F. No. 1346

[Coded]

An act relating to the establishment of Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge; consenting to the transfer of certain property to the United States.

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

Section 1. [1.18] **United States may acquire lands in Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge.** Consent of the State of Minnesota is given to the acquisition by the United States in any manner authorized by act of Congress of lands lying within the original boundaries of the Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge as established by Executive Order No. 7902 dated May 31, 1938 of the President of the United States for any purpose incident to the development or maintenance of that

refuge. All acts or parts of acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved April 5, 1955.

CHAPTER 347—H. F. No. 1357

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the salary of the county treasurer and county auditor in certain counties.

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

Section 1. Salaries; county treasurer, county auditor. In all counties of this state having a population of not less than 24,000 nor more than 25,000, according to the federal census of 1950, and having an area of not less nor more than 24 full or fractional townships, the salary of the county treasurer and county auditor may be increased by the county board by an amount not in excess of 12½ percent above the amount now provided by law.

Sec. 2. Inclusion in section 375.43. The county treasurer and the county auditor shall be included under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 375.43, as amended.

Sec. 3. Fees retained. Nothing contained in section 1, of this act shall be construed as limiting the right of such officers to collect and retain fees, per diem payments, or any other payment which they are now authorized to collect in addition to the stated amount of their monthly salary.

Sec. 4. This act shall become effective on May 1, 1955.

Approved April 5, 1955.

CHAPTER 348—H. F. No. 1432

[Not Coded]

An act relating to firemen's relief associations in certain villages and to the powers and duties thereof.

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

Section 1. Richfield; village fire department relief association. Every fire department relief association organized under the laws of this state, in any village now or hereafter