

CHAPTER 51—H. F. No. 263

An act authorizing the State Executive Council to extend direct relief, drouth relief, work relief and employment to the needy, destitute and disabled persons within the State of Minnesota; to appropriate money therefor and to authorize the Executive Council to issue certificates of indebtedness to be represented by tax levy certificates to cover such appropriation; authorizing the State Board of Investment to purchase said certificates of indebtedness from the State trust funds; to authorize the State Executive Council to disburse said funds to such Federal and State relief agencies as may to, said Council seem just and proper and for the best interests of the citizens of the State of Minnesota; to purchase lands and materials needed to carry on such direct relief, drouth relief, work relief, and employment; and to convey land to the United States in certain cases; authorizing the State Board of Investment to purchase certificates of indebtedness to be issued for the purpose of providing the funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act and authorizing the State Auditor and State Treasurer to sign said certificates of indebtedness and authorizing the State Board of Investment to purchase the same at an interest rate of three per cent and for other purposes.

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

WHEREAS, Conditions of intense distress throughout the State, produced by economic causes, make imperative the giving of direct relief, work relief and re-employment on a vast scale, and

WHEREAS, In certain areas within the state an extreme and unprecedented lack of rainfall and moisture has resulted in a total lack of feed and forage for livestock, and

WHEREAS, Economic causes and the inability of persons engaged in agricultural pursuits in said areas, through said lack of moisture, to produce crops, has made it impossible for said persons to provide adequate feed for livestock owned by them, and has made the starvation of such livestock imminent, and

WHEREAS, Said conditions and said imminent starvation of said livestock is imperilling the future production of livestock in the State of Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, In the providing of drouth relief, work relief, and employment, projects can be undertaken to promote the conservation of the various natural resources of the state and of the health, safety and general welfare of its people, and

WHEREAS, The public health, public safety and general welfare are seriously menaced by these conditions, and

WHEREAS, A general emergency exists affecting the public health, public safety and general welfare of the people of the state:

Section 1. Appropriation for relief.—There is hereby appropriated out of the relief fund hereinafter created the sum of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) to be available for the fiscal year commencing at once and ending July 1, 1936, and the further sum of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) to be available for the fiscal year ending July 1, 1937, for the purpose of aiding in furnishing necessary direct relief, drouth relief, disabled veterans relief, work relief and employment relief to needy, destitute and disabled persons within the State of Minnesota in connection with federal, state and local agencies.

Sec. 2. May undertake various projects.—In extending work relief or re-employment for needy, destitute and disabled persons within the State of Minnesota, the Council may undertake projects involving flood control, water supply, water diversion, control of erosion, reforestation and afforestation, and recreation and any other project which will aid in the conservation and development of the natural resources of the State and for the promotion and conservation of the health, safety and general welfare of the people of the state.

The Council is authorized to acquire by gift, purchase, condemnation proceedings under Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Chapter 41, as amended, or otherwise, any land needed to carry on the work relief and employment herein provided for and, in appropriate cases, to convey land to the United States needed for projects financed in whole or in part by the United States.

Sec. 3. To be disbursed by executive council.—Said sums of money are appropriated to and made available to the Executive Council of the State of Minnesota to be disbursed by said Council, from time to time as needed, to the various federal, state and municipal agencies for the purpose of furnishing aid and relief to needy, destitute and disabled persons within the State of Minnesota as herein provided as may to said Executive Council seem just and proper.

Sec. 4. How withdrawn.—Said funds shall be withdrawn from the State Treasury only as needed, from time to time, by requirements of the Executive Council of the State of Minnesota and upon warrants drawn by the Secretary of said

Executive Council to the Federal Emergency Relief Administration of Minnesota, or other agencies as may to said Council seem just and proper, and shall be allocated throughout the various counties of this state by said Emergency Relief Administration, or other agencies as said council may designate, in accordance with the need therefor.

Sec. 5. Counties and municipalities to contribute.—Counties and municipalities of the State of Minnesota requiring aid and relief shall contribute a sum which in the opinion of the United States government relief agencies and/or the State Executive Council is a fair and equitable sum to be so borne by them, economic conditions, conservation needs, acts of the elements, economic distress, public debt, and relief projects at this time contemplated, to be taken into consideration.

Sec. 6. Executive council may issue certificates of indebtedness.—For the purpose of providing funds with which to discharge the obligations provided by the terms of this act the Executive Council is authorized and directed to issue certificates of indebtedness of the State of Minnesota and, at the same time, the state auditor is directed and authorized to levy and collect in the same manner as other state taxes are levied and collected for the taxable years of 1937, 1938, 1939, and 1940, in four annual installments of Two and One-half Million Dollars (\$2,500,000) each year and to levy and collect annually such additional sums as may be needed to meet the interest on such certificates of indebtedness. The sum so levied and collected shall be placed to the credit of a fund to be known as the "Minnesota Public Relief Fund", which is hereby created.

Sec. 7. State board of investment may buy certificates.—The State Board of Investment is hereby authorized to invest the state trust funds in said tax levy certificates and said State Investment Board is hereby authorized to purchase said certificates of indebtedness at the rate of not less than three per cent interest in such sums and amounts as said State Investment Board may, from time to time, have available funds for that purpose and said State Investment Board, for this purpose is authorized to purchase said certificates of indebtedness at a rate of interest of three per cent, any law to the contrary notwithstanding, but this rate of interest shall not apply to the State Investment Board for other loans.

Sec. 8. Relief for veterans.—Of the amounts hereby appropriated and provided for, the Executive Council is authorized to use such reasonable sums to aid in the relief of veterans of all wars as shall to said Executive Council seem just and proper not exceeding, however, the sum of One Million Two

Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars. (\$1,250,000) per year nor less than Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) per year.

Sec. 9. Not to use funds after emergency is over.—Specific directions are hereby made upon said Executive Council to not use any of the funds provided for in this act and available for the year ending July 1, 1937, unless it shall appear to said Council that an emergency then exists substantially similar to the one now prevailing.

Sec. 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 52—H. F. No. 965

An act authorizing the State to cooperate with the Federal Government for the acquisition and retirement of certain sub-marginal lands; for the establishment thereon of a federal migratory wild fowl refuge: Providing for acquisition by condemnation proceedings by the State of lands and the sale and conveyance thereof to the United States Government, and providing for the means of payment therefor and procedure for the taking thereof.

WHEREAS, under and pursuant to the provisions of the National Industrial Recovery Act, the United States of America has initiated a program providing for the general welfare, to conserve national resources and to rehabilitate people living on sub-marginal land, and to carry such program into effect has created The Land Program of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, and

WHEREAS, the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration and the Director of the Land Program of the said Administration have approved a project for the acquisition and establishment of a migratory water fowl refuge in Marshall County, Minnesota, in the area known as Mud Lake, and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture, has approved a program for the construction of certain public works thereon involving the expenditure of funds in excess of \$100,000, and