accepted the benefits thereof, such contracts are hereby legalized and declared to be valid.

Sec. 2. Not to affect pending actions.—This act shall not apply to any action or proceeding now pending.

Approved April 15, 1941.

CHAPTER 234-H. F. No. 1220

An act relating to the appointment of justices and constables in certain unorganized territory; amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 1081-1.

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

Section 1. Law amended.—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 1081-1, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"1081-1. County board may appoint justices and constables in unorganized territory in certain cases.—In any county in this state, having no organized townships or in which the distance from any full and fractional unorganized townships is more than 20 miles from the nearest organized township or municipality or county seat, and which full and fractional unorganized townships are entirely separated from such organized townships or municipality or county seat by water, the county board of such county may appoint one or more Justices of Peace and one or more constables for such unorganized townships who shall have the same powers and duties as like officers in organized townships in said county."

Approved April 15, 1941.

CHAPTER 235—H. F. No. 1322

An act relating to the employment of prisoners at the state prison.

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

Section 1. Prisoners in state prison may be employed in certain road work.—With the approval of the director of