

*Subd. 9. Purchases of supplies, no competitive bids. Until May 1, 1953, the Commissioner of Administration, with the approval of the executive council, may establish by regulation categories of supplies, materials, or equipment which may be purchased in the open market, provided that the commissioner of administration shall certify after investigation that he cannot secure competitive bids therefor. The executive council may withdraw its approval of the establishment of any such category and thereupon purchases thereof shall be made in the manner otherwise provided by law.*

Approved March 2, 1951.

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CHAPTER 37—S. F. No. 30

*An act repealing Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 3.41, relating to the legislative research committee.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 3.41, is hereby repealed.

Approved March 6, 1951.

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CHAPTER 38—S. F. No. 100

*An act authorizing towns to vote funds for commemorative purposes.*

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

365.106. Section 1. **Commemorative, appropriation.** In any town, at its annual town meeting or at any special town meeting properly called for that purpose, a sum may be voted for the purpose of ascertaining, collecting, preserving, printing, publishing, and distributing data and material pertaining to the history of the town for the purpose of commemorating

the anniversary of any important and outstanding event in such history. The sum so voted shall not exceed \$250 in any one year.

Approved March 6, 1951.

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CHAPTER 39—S. F. No. 174

*An act amending the laws relating to highways and limiting of weights upon vehicles and amending Section 169.83, Subdivision 1 and 2 of the Minnesota Statutes for 1945.*  
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 169.83, is amended to read as follows:

**169.83. Weight limitations.** Subdivision 1. **Vehicles with pneumatic tires.** No vehicle or combination of vehicles equipped with pneumatic tires shall be operated upon highways of this state:

1. Where the gross weight on any wheel exceeds 9,000 pounds;
2. Where the gross weight on any single axle exceeds 18,000 pounds.

3. *This limitation shall be increased by 20 percent from January 1st through March 7th each winter for haulers of raw and unfinished forest products in the following specified zone, of the State, where frost conditions are most constant and of longest duration: The zone is bounded as follows: Beginning at Pigeon River, in the Northeast corner of Minnesota; thence, in a southwesterly direction along the North Shore of Lake Superior to the Minnesota-Wisconsin border; thence, Southerly along this border to the Southeast corner of Carlton County; thence, West along the South boundary line of Carlton County and continuing West to U. S. Trunk Highway No. 210; thence, Westerly along U. S. Trunk Highway No. 210 to U. S. Trunk Highway No. 10; thence, Westerly along U. S. Trunk Highway No. 10 to U. S. Trunk Highway No. 71; thence Northerly along U. S. Trunk Highway No. 71 to State Trunk Highway No. 92; thence, Northerly along State Trunk*