

375.19. **Additional powers.** In addition to all other powers now or hereafter by law conferred upon county boards, authority hereby is given to receive and accept for their counties real or personal property by gift, bequest, devise, conveyance, or otherwise from any person whose care, support, treatment, or maintenance, in whole or in part, is or may be chargeable to or furnished or provided by such counties, and to hold or dispose of the same for the benefit of their counties, as by law provided in the case of other county property; to permit use of county equipment for soil conservation projects and to make *annual* expenditures from the general revenue fund for soil conservation purposes not exceeding an aggregate amount of one cent per acre of all lands included within soil conservation districts in the county. *All expenditures made by any county board of commissioners subsequent to May 1, 1947, not exceeding the annual amount herein provided for, are hereby validated.*

Sec. 2. Pending proceedings. This act shall not affect any action or proceeding now pending.

Approved April 21, 1951.

CHAPTER 646—S. F. No. 1488

[Coded as Section 360.1071]

An act relating to the acquisition, construction and improvement of secondary airports by public corporations created pursuant to the provisions of Laws 1943, Chapter 500, as amended.

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

[360.1071] **Section 1. Secondary airports; acquisition, construction, improvement.** In any case where the acquisition, construction, improvement, and operation of an airport by a corporation created pursuant to Laws 1943, Chapter 500, as amended, shall have resulted in conflict with or damage to airport property in existence and in operation at the time of such acquisition and construction, the owner of such airport property may petition the corporation for relief, and upon the

filing of such a petition and within sixty days thereof, the corporation shall exercise its power of eminent domain to extinguish such airport operation and take by condemnation the buildings, aeronautical improvements, and otherwise compensate the owner for the cost of the aeronautical improvements made to the land area and for the cost of restoring the land to its original uses, and shall pay therefor out of funds provided pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 360.117.

Approved April 21, 1951.

CHAPTER 647—H. F. No. 232

[Not Coded]

An act relating to defense housing and related community facilities and services and authorizing the state, its political subdivisions and local governmental bodies to cooperate with the federal government in the provisions thereof; authorizing housing and redevelopment authorities to use low-rent public housing for defense housing purposes.

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

Section 1. Defense Housing Program. The legislature hereby finds that national defense involves increases in the number of workers and personnel in established and new centers of defense industries and activities and military establishments because of which housing shortages exist or impend in localities of the state which can impede national defense; that in order to facilitate the war effort through a coordinated defense housing program, the provisions of this act are declared to be necessary to protect the public health, safety and general welfare, and are for the public use and purpose of facilitating the state's participation in the national defense program.

Sec. 2. Authority granted to governmental bodies. In order to effectuate the purposes of this act any political subdivision of the state or local governmental body is authorized to act as the agent of, or solely with funds furnished by the federal government, without any financial obligation on the