shall be sealed with the town seal and signed by the chairman of the board and the town clerk, but the signatures to any coupons attached to the bonds may be lithographed thereon. The bonds shall be sold in such proportions of the whole amount authorized as the town board determines. The total principal amount of bonds issued may not exceed \$131,000.

Sec. 5. Repealer. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 368.54, 368.55, are hereby repealed.

Approved April 19, 1955.

CHAPTER 501—H. F. No. 1143 [Coded]

An act relating to fire protection for unorganized townships and authorizing the county board to lexy taxes for said purpose.

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

Section 1. [365.243] Fire protection for unorganized townships. [Subdivision 1.] In any county of this state containing one or more unorganized townships the county board may provide fire protection for such unorganized township or townships and may levy taxes upon the property in such unorganized township or townships for such purpose.

Sec. 2. [Subd. 2.] Under Minnesota Statutes 1953, sections 365.15 to 365.18 and section 365.20 a county board acts for unorganized territory within its county and no authority from the electors of such territory to the county board is required; any act of a county board in providing fire protection in and levying taxes therefor in unorganized territory is valid to the same extent as a similar act of a town board of an organized township duly authorized by the electors of the town.

Approved April 19, 1955.

CHAPTER 502—H. F. No. 1180 [Coded]

An act relating to the use of ferrets in the taking of wild animals; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 100.29.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 100.29, is amended by adding a new subdivision thereto to read:

[Subd. 23.] It shall be unlawful to take protected wild animals with the aid of ferrets.

Approved April 19, 1955.

CHAPTER 503-H. F. No. 1338

An act relating to spraying and dusting machines; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 20.31, 20.32, 20.33, 20.34 and 20.35; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 18.23 to 18.26 inclusive.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 20.31, is amended to read:

- 20.31 Spraying and dusting machine. When used in this act, "spraying and dusting machine," means any power driven mechanism used on the ground or in the air to spray or dust crops or land to control or eradicate weeds, undesirable brush, plant diseases, insects, or rodents; but excludes any such mechanism when capable of hand transportation.
- Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 20.32, is amended to read:
- 20.32 **Permits.** Subdivision 1. A person shall not operate a spraying and dusting machine unless he has obtained a permit. Operators of ground equipment shall secure a permit from the commissioner of agriculture, dairy and food. Operators of aerial equipment shall secure an endorsement to their commercial operators license authorizing them to engage in aerial spraying and dusting.
- Subd. 2. A person may receive a permit to operate ground spraying equipment by filing an application, upon a form prescribed by the commissioner, accompanied by a fee of \$5. The application shall state such information as the commissioner requires to enable him to determine if the applicant is qualified and his equipment suitable to perform the contemplated functions. Aerial applicators shall be licensed for commercial spraying and dusting operations in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 360.013, Subdivision 11.
- Subd. 3. Upon receiving a proper application, and payment of the required fee, with the approval of the state ento-