

centennial event there is hereby created a commission to be known as the "Minnesota Statehood Centennial Commission" consisting of five members of the state Senate, to be appointed by the Committee on Committees, five members from the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and five members to be appointed by the Governor.

Sec. 3. Powers. The commission is authorized and empowered to make plans for the proper observance and celebration of said centennial and to execute and carry out such plans. Such celebrations and observances should include patriotic and educational meetings, pageants, exhibitions of state resources and products and programs demonstrating the progress in agriculture, mining, manufacturing, industry, commerce, education, welfare and other related matters of interest to the citizens of this state and of the nation.

Sec. 4. Salaries. The commission is authorized to employ and fix the salaries of the technical and clerical employees necessary in carrying out the provisions of this act.

Sec. 5. Reports. The commission shall make a report to the 1957 session of the legislature stating in detail the plans which have been worked out for the centennial celebration in the year 1958.

Sec. 6. Continuance of commission. The commission shall continue until the 1958 centennial celebration is over.

Sec. 7. Appropriation. The sum of \$100,000, is hereby appropriated from the general revenue fund for the use of the commission in performing the duties imposed by this act and no part of this appropriation shall revert to the general revenue fund until January 1, 1959. For the payment of the expenses the commission shall draw its warrant upon the state treasurer, which warrants shall be signed by the chairman and at least two other members of the commission and the state auditor shall then approve and the state treasurer pay such warrants as and when presented.

Approved April 23, 1955.

CHAPTER 757—H. F. No. 1863

An act relating to cooperative associations; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 308.05, as amended by Laws 1955, Chapter 222.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 308.05, as amended by Laws 1955, Chapter 222, is amended to read:

308.05 Formation. Subdivision 1. A cooperative association may be formed for the purpose of conducting any agricultural, dairy, marketing, transportation, warehousing, commission, contracting, building, mining, telephone, manufacturing, or any mechanical, mercantile or electrical heat, light or power business, or for all such purposes or for any other lawful purpose, upon the cooperative plan; and, in addition to other powers, such cooperative association shall have the power, either as agent or otherwise, to buy, sell, or deal in its own products, the products of its individual members or patrons, the products of any other cooperative association or of its members or patrons. It shall be lawful for such cooperative association to sell its own products, as well as the product of its members or patrons for them, or the products of any other cooperative association or of its members or patrons for them, as the case may be, either individually or collectively, and to negotiate the price at which such products may be sold either for itself or for its members or patrons, or such other cooperative association and its members or patrons, individually or collectively, as the case may be; also to enter into or become a party to any contract or agreement either for itself or for its individual members or patrons, or between it and its member. For the purposes above stated such cooperative association shall have the power and authority, as a corporation, to purchase and hold, lease, mortgage, encumber, sell, exchange, and convey such real estate, buildings, and personal property as the business of the association may require, also to erect buildings or other structures or facilities upon its own lands or leased grounds, or upon right of way legally acquired by such cooperative association. *Any such cooperative which is engaged in the electrical, heat, light, power or telephone business, shall have the further power and authority to exercise the power of eminent domain in the manner provided by the laws of this state for the exercise of such power by other corporations engaged in such business.* Such cooperative association shall have the power and authority to issue bonds or other evidence of indebtedness and to borrow money to finance the business of the association, or to make advances to its members or patrons upon produce delivered by such members or patrons to the association. For the purpose of empowering and authorizing cooperative associations incorporated under the provisions of sections 308.05 to 308.18 to join with other cooperative associations in this state or other states, whether incorporated under those sections or under the laws of any other state, to form district,

state, or national organizations or market agencies, any cooperative association incorporated under those sections, by vote of the governing board thereof may purchase, acquire, hold, or dispose of the stock of any other cooperative association or corporation, whether incorporated under those sections or under the laws of any other state, and assume all rights, interests, privileges, responsibilities, and obligations arising out of the ownership of such stock. A cooperative association incorporated under those sections shall also have the power and authority, either for itself or for its individual members or patrons, to do and perform every act and thing necessary or proper to the conduct of its business or the accomplishment of the purposes set forth in those sections; and, in addition, any other rights, powers, or privileges granted by the laws of this state to ordinary corporations, except such as are inconsistent with the expressed provisions of those sections.

Approved April 23, 1955.

CHAPTER 758—S. F. No. 57

An act relating to the sale of personal property or services or both under pre-arranged funeral plans and requiring the proceeds thereof to be held in trust for the purposes intended; providing penalties for violations; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 149.14.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 149.14, is amended to read:

149.14 **Violations.** Any person *who* wilfully violates the provisions of section 149.12 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Approved April 23, 1955.

CHAPTER 759—S. F. No. 136

An act providing for maintenance and control of Lake Bemidji State Park by the commissioner of conservation; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 85.161, Subdivision 1.

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