

fits had been determined in the original order establishing the ditch.

Approved April 23, 1955.

CHAPTER 801—S. F. No. 172
[Not Coded]

An act appropriating money to Aitkin drainage and conservancy district for benefits to state land.

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

Section 1. Aitkin drainage and conservancy district, appropriation. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Consolidated Conservation Areas Fund not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$6,367 to the Aitkin Drainage and Conservancy District for benefits accruing to state lands from drainage activities of the district.

Approved April 23, 1955.

CHAPTER 802—S. F. No. 10

An act relating to speed restrictions of motor vehicles on highways; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 169.14, Subdivisions 2 and 4.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 169.14, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Speed limits. Where no special hazard exists the following speeds shall be lawful, but any speeds in excess of such limits shall be prima facie evidence that the speed is not reasonable or prudent and that it is unlawful; except that *the* speed limit within any municipality shall be an absolute speed limit and any speed in excess thereof shall be unlawful:

- (1) 30 miles per hour in any municipality;
- (2) 60 miles per hour in other locations during the daytime;
- (3) 50 miles per hour in such other locations during the nighttime.

“Daytime” means from a half hour before sunrise to a half

hour after sunset, except at any time when due to weather or other conditions there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles at a distance of 500 feet.

"Nighttime" means at any other hour or at any time when due to weather or other conditions there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles at a distance of 500 feet.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 169.14, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Speed zoning, trunk highways.** When the commissioner determines upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that any speed set forth in this section is greater or less than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist on any trunk highway or upon any part thereof, he may erect appropriate signs designating a reasonable and safe speed limit thereat, which speed limit shall be effective when such signs are erected. Any speeds in excess of such limits shall be prima facie evidence that the speed is not reasonable or prudent and that it is unlawful; except that any speed limit within any municipality shall be an absolute speed limit and any speed in excess thereof shall be unlawful. *Whenever the commissioner determines upon that basis that a part of the trunk highway system outside a municipality should be a zone of absolute speed limit he may establish that part as such a zone by erecting appropriate signs showing the beginning and end of the zone, designating a reasonable and safe speed therefor, which may be different than the speed set forth in this section, and that it is a zone of absolute speed limit. The speed so designated by him within any such zone shall be an absolute speed limit, and speed in excess of such limit shall be unlawful. He may in the same manner from time to time alter the boundary of such a zone and the speed limit therein or eliminate such zone.*

Approved April 25, 1955.

CHAPTER 803—H. F. No. 525

An act relating to salary of assistant secretary of state; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 350.03.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 350.03, is amended to read: