opinion such objects may be damaged as a consequence of highway construction and the state may be faced with legislative claims or the contractors' bids on such job are likely to be higher by virtue of such possible damage claims against the contractor. The commissioner may enter into such a contract by direct negotiation, and without advertising for bids or otherwise complying with the requirements of competitive bidding; providing, however, the total contractual obligation of the state upon such negotiated contract shall not exceed \$20,000.

Approved April 27, 1967.

CHAPTER 234-S. F. No. 715

An act relating to the safety responsibility act; excluding certain drivers from the provisions of the act; amending Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 170.25, Subdivision 2.

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

- Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 170.25, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- Subd. 2. **Safety responsibility; excluded drivers.** This section shall not apply under the conditions stated in section 170.26 or to any of the following:
- (1) To such driver or owner if such owner had in effect at the time of such accident an automobile liability policy with respect to the motor vehicle involved in such accident, affording substantially the same coverage as is required for proof of financial responsibility under this chapter;
- (2) To such driver, if not the owner of such motor vehicle, if there was in effect at the time of such accident an automobile liability policy or bond with respect to his operation of motor vehicles, affording substantially the same coverage as is required for proof of financial responsibility under this chapter.;
- (3) To such driver or owner if the liability of such driver or owner for damages resulting from such accident is, in the judgment of the commissioner, covered by any other form of liability insurance policy or bond; of
- (4) To the driver or owner of any motor vehicle if such owner is at the time of such accident qualified as a self-insurer under section 170.52; or

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(5) To the driver, if not the owner of such motor vehicle, when operating the motor vehicle as a driver for hire under circumstances in which the driver is required to be licensed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 168.39.

Approved April 27, 1967.

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CHAPTER 235-S. F. No. 1137

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the board of county commissioners of Hennepin county; increasing the contingency fund; amending Laws 1965, Chapter 533, Section 1.

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

- Section 1. Laws 1965, Chapter 533, Section 1, is amended to read:
- Section 1. Hennepin county; contingent fund. The board of county commissioners of Hennepin county is hereby authorized to appropriate from the general revenue fund of the county annually a sum not to exceed \$1,000 \$5,000 as a contingent fund. All expenditures from such fund shall be made only upon approval of four-fifths of the members of such board for such purposes as they deem for the best interests of the county.
- Sec. 2. This act shall become effective only after its approval by a majority of the governing body of the county of Hennepin and upon compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved April 28, 1967.

CHAPTER 236—S. F. No. 1473

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the city of North Mankato, authorizing it to contract with the United States for the control of floods, to acquire property for such purpose and to issue bonds to pay the city's share of the cost.

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