shall cause to be constructed <u>and maintained</u> adequate and effective acoustical barriers or implement other sound abatement programs in or along the perimeter of any interstate highway within incorporated areas located within the metropolitan area whenever the noise level attributable to vehicular traffic at the abutting residential property line is in excess of the federal noise standards. The commissioner shall utilize available federal matching funds in constructing <u>and maintaining</u> the acoustical barriers.

Subd. 2. Beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976, the commissioner shall annually expend an amount equal to one percent of an amount equal to 62 percent of the revenues derived from the tax imposed on gasoline used in producing and generating power for propelling motor vehicles used on the public highways of this state when federal funds are available, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of subdivision 1. In the event that funds derived from such one percent exceed the amount necessary to carry out the provisions of subdivision 1, the excess funds shall be utilized by the commissioner to construct <u>and maintain</u> adequate and effective acoustical barriers along other trunk highways in the metropolitan area where he deems them necessary to counteract vehicle noise.

Approved April 3, 1976.

CHAPTER 165-H.F.No.429

An act relating to labor; increasing the minimum wage; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Sections 177.24; and 177.28, Subdivision 3.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 177.24, is amended to read:

177.24 LABOR; INCREASE IN PAYMENT OF MINIMUM WAGES. Except as may otherwise be provided in sections 177.21 to 177.35, or by regulation issued pursuant thereto, every employer shall pay to each of his employees who is 18 years of age or older wages at a rate of not less than \$1.89 \$2.10 an hour and shall pay to each of his employees who is under the age of 18 wages at a rate of not less than \$1.89 an hour.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 177.28, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. The commissioner shall establish regulations which define and govern sections 177.21 to 177.35 with respect to, salesmen who conduct no more than 20 percent of their sales on the premises of

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the employer; allowances as part of the wage rates for board, lodging and other facilities or services furnished by the employer and used by the employees. Regulations issued by the department pursuant to this section shall include, but are not limited to, bonuses; special rates for employees under the age of 18, which rate shall not be more than 90 percent of the minimum wage established in section 177.24; part-time rates; special pay for special or extra work; procedures in contested cases; other facilities or services furnished by employers and used by employees; and other special items usual in a particular employeremployee relationship. Regulations required by this subdivision shall be established by November 1, 1973.

Sec. 3. This act shall be effective October 1, 1976.

Approved April 3, 1976.

CHAPTER 166-H.F.No.525

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to state government; creating a department of transportation; prescribing its powers, duties and functions; transferring certain functions of the department of aeronautics, highways and public service; transferring certain functions of the public service commission; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Sections 216A.05; 216A.06; 216A.07; 216A.08; 218.011; 218.021; 218.025; 218.031, as amended; 218.041; 218.071; 219.03; 219.04; 219.14; 219.17; 219.19; 219.20; 219.23; 219.24; 219.25; 219.26; 219.27; 219.28; 219.383; 219.401; 219.41; 219.42; 219.43; 219.46, Subdivisions 1, 4 and 7; 219.47; 219.51; 219.52; 219.54; 219.55; 219.562, Subdivision 3; 219.65; 219.681; 219.70; 219.71; 219.741; 219.742; 219.751; 219.85; 219.86; 219.87; 219.92; 219.93; 219.97, Subdivisions 2 and 12; 221.011, Subdivisions 1, 2, 15, and by adding subdivisions; 221.021; 221.031, Subdivision 1; 221.041; 221.051; 221.081; 221.091; 221.101; 221.111; 221.161; 221.171; 221.181; 221.201; 221.231; 221.261; 221.271; 221.281; 221.295; 221.296, Subdivisions 2, 3, 6 and 7; 221.55; 221.61; 221.62; 221.63; 221.65; 221.66; 221.68; 222.01; 222.34; 222.38; 222.40; 222.41; 222.44; 222.45; 360.017, Subdivision 1; and Minnesota Statutes, 1975 Supplement, Sections 43.09, Subdivision 2a; 219.39; 219.40; 219.662, Subdivisions 5, 6 and 7; 221.011, Subdivision 22; 221.061; 221.071; 221.121; 221.131; 221.141; 221.151; 221.221; 221.291; 221.293; 221.296, Subdivisions 4, 5 and 8: and 221.64: repealing Minnesota Statutes 1974, Sections 161.02; 161.03; 169.27; 218.051; 218.061; and 360.014.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MIN-NESOTA:

Section 1. [174.01] DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; CREATION; POLICY. In order to provide a balanced transportation system, which system includes aeronautics, highways, motor carriers, ports, public transit, railroads and pipelines, a department of transportation is created. The department shall be the principal agency of the

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