when New Year's Day, January 1; or Independence Day, July 4; or Christmas Day, December 25; falls on Saturday, the preceding day shall be a holiday. No public business shall be transacted on any holiday, except in cases of necessity and except in cases of public business transacted by the legislature, nor shall any civil process be served thereon.

Sec. 2. This act is effective January 1, 1971.

Approved March 26, 1969.

CHAPTER 70-H. F. No. 100

An act relating to courts; venue change in civil actions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 542.10.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 542.10, is amended to read:

542.10 Venue change; civil actions; affidavit. If the county designated in the complaint is not the proper county, the action may notwithstanding be tried therein unless, within 20 days after the summons is served, the defendant demands in writing that it be tried in the proper county. This demand shall be accompanied by the affidavit of the defendant, or his agent or attorney, setting forth the county of his residence at the time of the commencement of the action, the date of service of the summons, and stating that neither the cause of action nor any part thereof arose in the county designated in the complaint. This demand and affidavit, with proof of service thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, shall be filed with the clerk in the county where the action was begun within 30 days from the date of its service and thereupon, unless the county where the action was begun is a county in which the cause of action or some part thereof arose, the place of trial shall be changed to the county where the defendant resides without any other proceedings. If the county designated in the complaint is not the county in which the cause of action or some part thereof arose and if there are several defendants residing in different counties, the trial shall be had in the county upon which a majority of them unite in demanding or, if the numbers be equal, in that whose county seat is nearest. When the place of trial is changed all other proceedings shall be had in the county to which the change is made, unless otherwise provided by consent of parties filed with the clerk or by order of the court and the papers shall be transferred and filed ac-

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cordingly. When a demand for a change of the place of trial is made as herein provided the action shall not for any of the reasons specified in section 542.11 be retained for trial in the county where begun, but can be tried therein only upon removal thereto from the proper county in the cases provided by law.

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective on January 1, 1970. Approved March 26, 1969.

CHAPTER 71-H. F. No. 718

An act relating to highway traffic regulations; weight limitations on vehicles; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 169.83, Subdivision 1.

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

- Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 169.83, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 169.83 Motor vehicles; weight limits; forest products. Subdivision 1. Pneumatic-tired vehicles. No vehicle or combination of vehicles equipped with pneumatic tires shall be operated upon the highways of this state:
- 1. Where the gross weight on any wheel exceeds 9,000 pounds;
- 2. Where the gross weight on any single axle exceeds 18,000 pounds;
- 3. This limitation shall be increased by 20 percent from January 1 through March 7 each winter for haulers of raw and unfinished forest products in the following specified zone of the state, where frost conditions are most constant and of longest durations: The zone is bounded as follows: Beginning at Pigeon River, in the northeast corner of Minnesota; thence, in a southwesterly direction along the north shore of Lake Superior to the Minnesota-Wisconsin border; thence, southerly along this border to the southeast corner of Carlton county; thence, west along the south boundary line of Carlton county and continuing west to U. S. Trunk Highway No. 210; thence, westerly along U. S. Trunk Highway No. 10; thence, westerly along U. S. Trunk Highway No. 10 to U. S. Trunk Highway No. 41; thence, northerly along U. S. Trunk Highway No.

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