and damages to lands previously assessed or for which damages were allowed in said ditch proceeding, and upon such hearing shall re-assess the benefits and damages previously assessed or allowed and modify the same in as far as the same are affected by such abandonment, and modification, if any, in accordance with the principles of assessments in the original proceedings; and if such re-assessment shall reduce the amounts realized or to be realized from such assessments below the amounts expended or to be expended in such ditch proceeding, the board shall order the deficiency to be paid out of the general revenue fund of the county.

- Sec. 4. Original assessments to be credited.—All original assessments actually paid shall be credited as payments on the benefits as re-assessed hereunder. Where the payments upon the original assessments exceeds the amount of benefits as fixed in such re-assessments made hereunder, the county board shall authorize the county auditor to issue his warrants on the general revenue fund for the amount of such excess payments, to the persons entitled thereto.
- Sec. 5. Auditor to file revised lien statement.—Within 30 days after the adoption of such re-assessment, the county auditor shall file with the register of deeds his revised lien statement in accordance with such re-assessment.
- Sec. 6. Appeals.—From such re-assessment of benefits or damages an appeal may be taken to the district court in like manner and with like effect as on the original assessments.
- Sec. 7. Act not exclusive.—The provisions of this Act shall not be construed as exclusive, but as providing additional and cumulative remedies.
- Sec. 8. Application.—The provisions of this act shall not affect any pending actions or proceedings, and no proceedings under this act shall be instituted after June 1, 1925.

Approved April 24, 1925.

## CHAPTER 349—S. F. No. 486.

An act to amend Section 3446, General Statutes 1923, relating to beneficiary and fraternal associations.

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

Section 1. Accident and sick benefits.—That section 3446, General Statutes 1923, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

"3446. Any beneficiary or fraternal association, as defined in this chapter, may make provisions for the payment of benefits in case of sickness, or temporary or permanent physical disability, as a result of disease, accident or age exceeding seventy years, and

may also provide for the payment of funeral expenses of a member not exceeding \$250; in any case all of said benefits to be paid subject to compliance by its members with its constitution and by-laws, out of funds derived from assessments and dues collected from its members. Payments of death benefits shall be made only to the families, heirs, blood relatives, adopted children, fiancee of the member, or persons dependent upon him, or whenever his certificate of membership may so provide, the executor or administrator of the estate of the member in trust for such person or persons above mentioned as may be designated in such certificate. Any member who by reason of old age or other disability is dependent for his support in whole or in part upon another, whether such other stands in the above relationship to him, or not, may with the consent of and under such regulations as the association may prescribe, designate such person upon whom he is so dependent as a beneficiary under his said certificate, and in such case the death benefits shall be paid according to such designation. Every such association may create and maintain a reserve fund for such purpose and shall be held to be an institution of public charity, and shall be exempt from payment of any taxes for state, county or municipal purposes, except that the real estate of such association shall be taxed as other real estate in the State of Minnesota."

Approved April 24, 1925.

## CHAPTER 350-S. F. No. 490.

An act empowering the State Board of Investment to purchase certain municipal bonds.

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

- Section 1. State Board of investment to purchase muncipal bonds.—The State Board of Investment shall have power to purchase upon the open market any bonds heretofore or hereafter issued by any municipality of this state and to purchase for its trust funds direct from any such municipality any bonds which such municipality may have authorized or shall hereafter authorize to be sold upon competitive bids, and any municipality which has authorized or may hereafter authorize the issuance and sale of any bonds may issue and sell such bonds to the state for its trust funds without first advertising for bids therefor.
- Sec. 2. Information to be furnished board.—Any municipality desiring to sell any such bonds to the state shall furnish to the board of investment certified copies of all proceedings relating to the issuance and sale thereof, together with such other information as may be requested by said board, all of which shall be