ment; and to effect the sale of such property may, in his discretion, engage the services of brokers or agents to sell real estate and pay a commission for services so rendered of not to exceed 3% of the sale price covering such real estate provided that at least 25% of the purchase price is paid when possession thereof is given to the purchaser under the terms of such sale and of not to exceed 4% of the sale price covering such real estate provided that at least 40% of the purchase price is paid when possession thereof is given to the purchaser under the terms of such sale, and provided further that no commission shall be paid unless a sale is actually effected by said agent."

Sec. 2. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 17, 1941.

CHAPTER 288—S. F. No. 850

An act authorizing the Department of Rural Credit to make temporary loans from the rural credit fund to meet maturing obligations to be paid out of the rural credit interest fund, and amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 6045.

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

Section 1. Law amended—administrative expenses.—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 6045, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The Department may transfer from the Expense Fund to the Rural Credits Interest Fund any surplus not required for administrative expenses. Temporary loans also may be made from the Expense Fund to meet maturing obligations to be paid out of the Rural Credit Fund or the Rural Credit Interest Fund, such loans to be returned as soon as practicable. Temporary loans may also be made from the Rural Credit Fund to meet maturing obligations to be paid out of the Rural Credit Interest Fund, such loans to be returned when needed to meet maturing obligations to be paid out of the Rural Credit Fund. The Department shall from time to time set aside from the interest or expense fund any surplus not required for the payment of operating expenses, interest, or outstanding certificates. Such surplus shall be credited to a

Rural Credit Reserve fund. Said fund shall, upon request of the Conservator, be invested by the state board of investment in the same class of securities in which the trust funds of the state may be invested. Said board shall have authority to sell any securities purchased for said fund, when authorized by the Conservator, for the purpose of providing funds with which to pay maturing bonds, or interest upon outstanding bonds, or to make up any loss resulting from the operations of the Department, or for purchasing other securities. All losses upon loans shall be a change against the reserve fund and all profits resulting from the sale of real estate acquired through foreclosure proceedings or otherwise, after deducting expenses, shall be credited thereto. All interest earned upon the reserve fund shall be credited to such fund and become a part thereof. The Conservator may authorize the state board of investment to invest for short periods any temporary cash surplus in the Rural Credit fund, such investment to be restricted to United States Government or State of Minnesota obligations. If at any time a surplus shall accrue in the Rural Credit fund the Conservator may invest such surplus in the same manner as any money in the Reserve fund is to be invested. Any securities purchased by said board of investment with any money in the Rural Credit fund, as herein provided, shall be sold at the request of the Conservator.

Approved April 17, 1941.

CHAPTER 289-S. F. No. 898

An act relating to the power of the conservator to sell property acquired by the State of Minnesota, Department of Rural Credit, and amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 6040, Subsection b.

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

Section 1. Law amended—Conservator to sell property at fair value.—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 6040, Subsection b, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The property, real, personal and mixed, acquired by the Department shall be sold by the Conservator at its fair value at time of sale, in such manner and on such terms as may be provided by the regulations adopted by him. In making sales of real estate the Conservator shall have regard for the state