

funds raised in said county for direct relief purposes to be used to assist the rural schools of such county to carry on a nutrition program in the schools, and to provide hot lunches for needy school children in any independent, common, or unorganized school district which does not contain an incorporated city or village of more than 800 population."

Sec. 2. Laws 1943, Chapter 515, Section 3, is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 3. **Limitation of expenditure.** The committee shall be empowered to expend up to \$20,000 per year, which is to be provided by the county welfare board, under such conditions and regulations as it may adopt to assist such rural school districts to hire necessary help and to purchase food and supplies used in carrying on the nutrition program in the rural schools. This committee shall also be empowered to accept contributions of any kind from any source to carry on such nutrition program."

Approved March 9, 1945.

CHAPTER 88—H. F. No. 314

An act relating to the renewal of corporate existence of insurance companies in certain cases.

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

Section 1. Renewal of corporate existence of certain insurance companies. In any case where the original period of duration of corporate existence as specified in the articles of incorporation of insurance corporation bound by General Statutes of Minnesota 1913, Chapter 58, and acts amendatory thereof has expired less than two years prior to the passage and approval hereof, and the corporation has continued in good faith to carry on and transact business and has heretofore in good faith attempted to renew the period of its corporate existence for a perpetual term, and such renewal proceedings were in all respects legal and in accordance with law, save that the same were not completed prior to the expiration of said period, such corporation may renew the period of its corporate existence for a perpetual term with the same force and effect as if such renewal proceedings had been completed before its said period of duration expired, by

completing the existence of such corporation in cases where such renewal is made before the end of its period of duration. Provided, however, that the proceedings to obtain such renewal shall be taken within one year after the passage of this act. Provided, further, that this act shall not affect any pending litigation, nor apply to any corporation whose charter has been declared forfeited by any court of competent jurisdiction in this state.

Sec. 2. **Proceedings to relate back.** When such steps are taken to renew the corporate existence of such corporation, such proceedings shall relate back to the date of the expiration of said original corporate period, and when said period is extended as provided by this act, any and all corporate acts and contracts done, performed, made and entered into after the expiration of said original period shall be and each is hereby declared to be legal and valid.

Approved March 9, 1945.

CHAPTER 89—H. F. No. 374

An act relating to the powers of the commissioner of highways; amending Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 161.03, Subdivision 12.

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

Section 1. That Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 161.03, Sub. 12, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sub. 12. (a) **Aid given to other departments.** The engineers and technical assistants shall give advice, assistance, and supervision with regard to road or highway construction and improvement throughout the state as may be required and as the rules and regulations of the commissioner of highways may prescribe and render such other engineering or surveying service as may be required by the governor for any of the state departments.

(b) *The commissioner of highways may, at the request of the governing body of any county, make surveys and prepare plans for the location, construction or reconstruction of any bridge or road within said county and may supply technical and engineering advice and assistance to any county; provided, however that the commissioner of highways shall have*