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CHAPTER 136.

AN ACT to appropriate a certain sum to the National Seaway Council to compensate such council for funds withheld for support of Washington, D. C. office.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

There is appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$1,757.10 to the National Seaway Council to compensate and reimburse said association for funds advanced during 1942 and 1943 to maintain the Washington, D. C. office of said council, said Washington office having been customarily maintained jointly by the states of Michigan and Wisconsin to advance the purposes of the St. Lawrence seaway project; financial support by the state of Wisconsin during the period mentioned having been temporarily withheld under a ruling of the attorney general; and such funds having been appropriated but not disbursed by the state of Wisconsin. Acceptance of this appropriation shall operate as a full and complete release to the state of Wisconsin of any claim arising by virtue of such advance of funds by said National Seaway Council.

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CHAPTER 137.

AN ACT to amend 21.025 (3) of the statutes, relating to leasing buildings and grounds for armory purposes.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

21.025 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

21.025 (3) For the use of such forces, the governor may requisition from the secretary of war such arms and equipment as may be in possession of and can be spared by the war department, and he may make available to such forces the facilities of state armories and their equipment and such other state premises and property as may be available *and may, through the adjutant general, rent or lease buildings or parts of buildings,*

and grounds for armory purposes or take possession of like premises leased by any national guard organization, paying rental therefor out of funds appropriated under section 20.03 (1) (d). All leases so made shall terminate upon dissolution of the Wisconsin state guard regardless of the term provided therein unless the premises shall be needed for national guard purposes, in which case the lease may be assigned by the adjutant general to the national guard organization intending to occupy the premises.

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CHAPTER 138.

AN ACT to create chapter 201, laws of 1937, section 13a, relating to employes' retirement systems in counties having a population of 500,000 or more.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Chapter 201, Laws of 1937, section 13a is created to read:

(Chapter 201, Laws of 1937) Section 13a (1) LEGISLATIVE POLICY. Employes have been attracted to and have remained in the public service in counties of more than 500,000 population despite the prevailing higher wages in other employments because of the deferred compensation for their services promised to them in the form of retirement annuities and death benefits in the retirement system to which they have been admitted as contributing members. The purpose of this act is to strengthen the public service in the most populous counties of the state by establishing the security of such retirement and death benefits.

(2) CONTRACTS TO ASSURE BENEFITS. The benefits of members, whether employes in service or retired as beneficiaries, and of beneficiaries of deceased members in the retirement system created by chapter 201, laws of 1937, as amended, shall be assured by benefit contracts as herein provided:

(a) Every such member and beneficiary shall be deemed to have accepted the provisions of this act and shall thereby have a benefit contract in said retirement system of which he is such member or beneficiary as of the effective date of this act unless,