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INTRODUCTION

Between 1937 and 1949 the Legislative Reference Library prepared a printed summary of the significant legislation of each session at the request of the legislature. In 1949 the value of the summary was questioned and some changes in distribution were made, but the edition was printed. In 1951 no directive from the legislature was received, and the publication was abandoned.

In spite of a variety of summaries of legislation in particular fields made by public and private agencies before and since that time, the need for a general summary was apparent, and the lack of such a summary after the 1951 and 1953 sessions created a substantial void. In 1955, therefore, the Legislative Reference Library reactivated the summary on a substantially less pretentious basis. About 300 copies of a mimeographed summary were prepared. Because this summary seemed to fill a real need adequately, the same procedure was attempted after the 1957 session. This edition was, however, delayed because changes in personnel made it impossible to complete the volume earlier.

Because of this delay the present edition incorporates the actions of both the original part of the session and the adjourned session. The legislature met from January 9 to June 28 and from September 23 to September 27. During the early session they enacted 57 proposals. During the adjourned session they enacted 49 additional proposals for a total of 706. In addition the Governor vetoed 40 bills of which only one was passed over his veto.

The major topics under which this summary is organized follow the 1955 edition with necessary additions and deletions. The major topics are set forth in full capitals underlined and the subordinate topics in full capitals only. In each section the enactments are set forth first with the defeated proposals following. No effort to include every defeated proposal has been made. Senate proposals are listed first among the defeated proposals.

Vetoed measures are listed under those defeated and are indicated by the word "Vetoed" in parenthesis followed by an asterisk. In one case, Chapter 660, the veto was overridden.

Except in the category of constitutional amendments, this summary is confined to bills and acts. In that case, of necessity, joint resolutions are included. A major use of joint resolutions is to assign studies to the Legislative Council. For a list of these studies see the "Digest of Studies and Projects Assigned to the Legislative Council by the 1957 Legislature", August 19, 1957, and the supplement.

Most of the data for this report was compiled by George Hardy, formerly bill draftsman for the Legislative Reference Library. The material relating to the enactments in the adjourned session was added by other staff members.

A G R I C U L T U R E

DAIRY INDUSTRY

Enacted

Chapter 279 increases required butterfat content of milk from 3.25% to 3.3%, and chocolate milk from 3% to 3.3%.

Chapter 352 revises laws on unfair trade practices in dairy industry; permits wholesaler to meet competition under certain circumstances; requires wholesaler to publish price lists; regulates conditions under which wholesaler may furnish equipment to retailer or lend money for such equipment.

Chapter 443 prohibits sale of milk or milk products after July 1, 1959, except Grade A milk or milk products; provides for licensing and inspection; other provisions.

Chapter 495 exempts milk producers, selling their own milk to consumers who furnish the container, from certain bottling and sterilization requirements.

Defeated

Bill 53, S., to require milk containers to contain statement of minimum lawful butterfat content.

Bill 54, S., to increase minimum butterfat in standardized milk from 3.25% to 3.5%.

Bill 191, S., to include truck equipment in definition of receiving station under dairy, food and drugs statute.

Bill 193, S., to require posting of prices paid for milk by dairy plants, in accordance with butterfat test.

Bill 137, A., to eliminate requirement that milk conform to Grade A standards after July 1, 1957.

Bill 328, A., to require butter substitutes to be colored pink.

Bill 330, A., to require artificially processed cheese to be labeled as such.

Bill No. 721, A., to require cheese dealers to be licensed.

DEPARTMENT

Enacted

Chapter 35 authorizes the director of agriculture to appoint a deputy with approval of the state board of agriculture.

Chapter 161 clarifies the functions and authority of the state department of agriculture with respect to the state fair park.

Chapter 459 authorizes the department of agriculture to prescribe uniform premium lists for fairs which receive state aid.

Defeated

Bill 125, S., to make various changes in statutes concerning the functions of the state department of agriculture.

LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

Enacted

Chapter 55 authorizes the licensing of public livestock markets for trading in cattle, sheep or swine, with certain sanitary precautions required to prevent spread of animal diseases.

Chapter 66 permits movement of cattle from one farm to another farm if both are owned or operated by the same person, without Brucellosis testing.

LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY (Continued)

Enacted (Continued)

Chapter 212 clarifies certain provisions relating to the Brucellosis control program and deletes obsolete material.

Chapter 670 directs the state department of agriculture to establish a regional animal disease diagnostic laboratory in northern Wisconsin and appropriated slightly more than \$50,000 a year for 1957-1959 for its operation.

Defeated

Bill 156, S., to require persons going from one barn to another to disinfect footwear before entering barn.

Bill 506, S., to direct department of agriculture to establish a regional animal disease laboratory in northern Wisconsin.

REGULATION

Enacted

Chapter 18 prohibits possessing or furnishing live hog cholera vaccine, except by certain laboratories or authorized persons.

Chapter 39 permits the weed commissioner in the city of Milwaukee to destroy noxious weeds on private property without giving 5 days' notice.

Chapter 100 adds "yellow rocket" to weed seeds considered "secondary noxious weed seeds".

Chapter 101 prohibits sale of agricultural seeds containing weed seeds in excess of 1% or white cockle in excess of one-fourth of 1%.

Chapter 368 permits food processors to deposit cash or securities with the state department of agriculture in lieu of a bond.

Chapter 511 authorizes the director of agriculture to issue marketing orders regulating the marketing and handling of fruits and vegetables, with assessments payable by affected persons to cover cost of program; provides for educational and research program and advisory board to assist the director.

Defeated

Bill 420, S., to require poultry to bear label stating date of slaughter and name of processor, unless federally inspected.

Bill 664, A., to provide for marketing orders and regulation by department of agriculture with regard to agricultural products.

SOIL CONSERVATION AND DRAINAGE

Enacted

Chapters 32 and 52 authorize drainage boards to enter agreements with federal agencies to permit drainage of federally occupied lands through drainage district facilities.

Chapter 44 increases compensation of members of drainage boards from \$8 to \$10 per day.

Chapter 89 provides that notice of annual hearings on farm drainage reports may be to owners as shown by the last tax roll, instead of record owners; and that ordinary mail may be used if no assessments are proposed.

Chapter 158 adds the conservation director or his representative to the state soil conservation committee; and increases the number of farmer members from 3 to 4 of whom one must be a co-operator with a county soil conservation district.

Chapter 287 permits withdrawal of lands from a drainage district with court approval, if assessments are paid, if such land will not benefit from the drainage, and such withdrawal will not injure the district.

SOIL CONSERVATION AND DRAINAGE (Continued)

Enacted (Continued)

Chapter 685 authorizes soil conservation districts to acquire property rights by eminent domain for watershed protection under the federal plan.

Defeated

Bill 39, A., to permit drainage assessments only against persons signing petition initiating project.

Bill 40, A., to provide for release of drainage assessment liens no longer in effect.

A S S O C I A T I O N S

PRIVATE

Enacted

Chapter 99 increases from 5 to 8 mills the annual assessment which may be made to maintain certain private facilities, against property whose owners are entitled to use such facilities.

RELIGIOUS

Enacted

Chapter 277 authorizes a Congregational church to have more than 9 trustees.

BANKING AND FINANCE

BANKS

Enacted

Chapter 22 authorizes the establishment by July 1, 1958, of a bank station in any town surrounded by outlying waters.

Chapter 121 increases the limit on value of real estate a mutual savings bank may acquire for its own use from \$10,000 to 50% of its guaranty fund.

Chapter 134 authorizes a state bank to pay up to 1% additional interest on regular instalment deposits.

Chapter 196 extends beyond July 1, 1957, the authority of a bank to pledge assets of 4 times its capital and surplus to the federal reserve bank.

Chapter 264 eliminates the power of the state banking commissioner to set interest rates payable by banks, so that such rates will be determined by the federal deposit insurance corporation.

Chapter 306 permits banks to be open for business on February 22 and November 11.

Chapter 386 permits banks to establish paying and receiving windows on parking lots contiguous to the bank without approval of banking commissioner; an intervening alley not considered to make land noncontiguous.

Defeated

Bill 184, S., to permit merged banks to continue operating in each former location, under certain conditions.

Bill 473, S., to provide that banks may require borrowers to provide insurance on property given as security on loans; other provisions.

Bill 1, A., to allow state banks to establish drive-in parking windows on parking lots.

LOANS

Enacted

Chapter 608 clarifies the authority of a foreign corporation to loan money in Wisconsin, although not authorized to act as a bank or trust company.

Defeated

Bill 431, S., to permit facsimile signatures on corporate bonds, notes and debentures.

Bill 169, A., to give advancements on mortgages priority over intervening liens under certain circumstances.

SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS

Enacted

Chapter 409 increases from \$100 to \$200 the application fee to organize a savings and loan association; other minor provisions.

Defeated

Bill 177, S., to require payment of uniform dividends by savings and loan associations.

Bill 371, S., to increase reserve requirements for savings and loan associations.

SECURITIES

Enacted

Chapter 341 provides that registration of certain securities must be renewed every 2 years instead of 5 years; and that registration fee is payable only on basis of securities sold in this state; other provisions.

Chapter 405 exempts from certain registration requirements securities issued by combinations of foreign governments, motor carriers, public parking utilities; other provisions.

Chapter 437 exempts employe savings or profit-sharing plans from registration under the securities law.

TRUST FUNDS

Enacted

Chapter 385 provides penalties for a trustee who fails to pay amounts due under a trust receipt.

Chapter 552 provides for supervision and examination of employe welfare funds by the state insurance department.

B U S I N E S S A N D I N D U S T R Y

ADVERTISING

Enacted

Chapter 694 makes a nonlapsible appropriation of \$100,000 to the division of industrial development for advertising and promoting industry in Wisconsin.

CO-OPERATIVES

Enacted

Chapter 152 exempts from requirements for proof of financial condition dairy plants and receiving stations operated as producers co-operatives.

Chapter 484 sets up various requirements concerning the corporate name, articles and other matters relating to co-operatives.

CORPORATIONS

Enacted

Chapter 111 requires that amendments to articles of incorporation must state the volume and page on which the original articles are recorded in the register of deeds office.

Chapter 273 authorizes the use of facsimile signatures upon corporate bonds and notes.

MINING

Enacted

Chapter 595 redefines "low-grade iron ore" and includes reference to increasing percentage of iron content and removing objectionable foreign materials.

PETROLEUM AND GAS

Defeated

Bill 558, S., to regulate transportation of liquefied petroleum gases.

PORT DEVELOPMENT

Enacted

Chapter 439 directs the division of industrial development to conduct a program of port development; increases membership of advisory committee in order to have members representing lake ports.

REGULATION

Enacted

Chapter 186 provides that for the purpose of the unfair sales act "retailers" include manufacturers who sell to retailers and also operate their own stores, and compliance is based on price to other retailers.

Chapter 216 prohibits motels from having misleading signs regarding rates or accommodations and requires that signs quoting rates must state both minimum and maximum.

Chapter 231 prohibits endless chain transactions in selling automobiles, whereby a purchaser is given a discount for securing another purchaser.

Chapter 241 prohibits "bait advertising", advertising goods with intent not to sell them but to sell other goods after luring a customer into the trap.

REGULATION (Continued)

Enacted (Continued)

Chapter 367 requires manufacturers and wholesalers of tobacco products to comply with the unfair sales act; prohibits a manufacturer's sales representative from selling a retailer more than 3 cartons of one kind of cigarettes at one time.

Chapter 371 provides that for purposes of the unfair sales act the terms "wholesaler" and "retailer" shall both apply to persons buying directly from the manufacturer to sell at retail.

Chapter 397 makes a person guilty of a conspiracy to restrain trade liable for triple damages plus court costs and attorney's fees, instead of actual damages.

Chapter 444 provides that a contract by an employe or agent not to compete with employer or principal is valid only if reasonably necessary to protect employer or principal.

Chapter 448 prohibits persons selling property or financing sale of property from requiring as a condition of the deal that insurance be purchased from a particular agent.

Chapter 516 permits merchants to give stamps to purchasers of merchandise which are good for bus fares or parking privileges.

Chapter 625 reduces from 10 point to 5 point the required type size used to indicate weight or volume in food advertisements.

Defeated

Bill 321, S., to require that only one net selling price be posted at service stations for each grade of motor fuel.

Bill 484, A., to require certain refrigeration and humidity standards for storage vaults for furs and wearing apparel.

Bill 752, A., to appropriate \$50,000 per year to the attorney general for antitrust law enforcement.

TRADING STAMPS

Defeated

Bill 520, S., to require that trading stamps not redeemed within 3 years shall escheat to the state.

Bill 452, A., to prohibit giving trading stamps with sale of motor fuel.

C O N S E R V A T I O N

BUDGET

Enacted

Chapter 229 provides increased funds to the conservation commission for recreational advertising and publicity.

Chapter 653 is the conservation and reforestation fund budget act.

COMMISSION

Enacted

Chapter 14 permits the conservation commission to employ nonresidents for the staff of its Chicago office, and provides that state employes may be covered by workmen's compensation even if injured outside the state.

Chapter 348 broadens authority of conservation commission to adopt rules on training and trials for retrievers to include all hunting dogs.

Defeated

Bill 273, A., to vest certain functions of the conservation commission in 6 areas headed by assistant conservation directors; to provide that fish and game regulations for each area be determined by majority vote of those attending county conservation meetings.

FISH AND GAME

Enacted

Chapter 49 permits the conservation commission to capture or destroy wild animals doing damage, or authorize the same to be done.

Chapters 50 and 85 provide that fishing licenses shall expire on December 31, except those issued in 1957.

Chapter 108 prohibits bringing fish, birds or animals into Wisconsin for stocking purposes without permission of conservation commission (prohibition formerly limited to fish, birds or animals not native to Wisconsin).

Chapter 148 authorizes the conservation commission to require humane treatment and sanitary care of wild animals held in captivity.

Chapter 157 eliminates wolves and lynxes from animals on which bounties are paid.

Chapter 219 provides that permanent fishing licenses shall be issued without fee to applicants over 65 years of age.

Chapter 243 authorizes the commission to remove any fish which are detrimental to the waters of the state.

Chapter 251 authorizes the conservation commission to require that waterfowl on a game bird farm be enclosed with a covered enclosure during the open season for hunting waterfowl.

Chapter 270 requires persons keeping wild animals for exhibition or advertising purposes to obtain a license from the conservation commission, and to maintain facilities adequate for housing and care of animals and protection of the public.

Chapter 308 provides that fishing and hunting licenses shall be mandatorily revoked upon second conviction of violating fish and game laws only if the second conviction is within 5 years.

Chapter 351 changes license fee for muskrat farm from sliding scale of \$3.75 and up to a flat \$5 per year; changes from 12 to 80 rods the maximum distance between notices posted on such farms.

FISH AND GAME (Continued)

Enacted (Continued)

Chapter 391 authorizes the conservation commission to issue deer hunting party permits to parties of 4 or more hunters, authorizing the party to kill one deer in addition to individual bag limit of the members of the party.

Chapter 440 authorizes conservation commission to issue permits to owners of land surrounding a lake to stock such lake with fish and remove or destroy undesirable fish.

Chapter 489 increases fees for hunting, fishing, trapping and sportsmen's licenses.

Chapter 520 preserves the portion of proceeds from sale of each sportsmen's license used for acquiring lands for refuges and fishing and hunting grounds; license was raised from \$6.50 to \$10 by chapter 489, laws of 1957, and this act raises from \$4 to \$7.50 the amount over which the proceeds are used for such purposes.

Chapter 557 increases fees of county clerks for issuing fishing and hunting licenses.

Chapter 586 repealed the law requiring that raccoons be tagged on being killed or trapped.

Chapter 629 increases the appropriation to the conservation commission for fish and game operations.

Chapter 659 extends to June 30, 1959 the exemption granted to members of the armed forces stationed in Wisconsin for hunting and fishing licenses.

Defeated

Bill 212, S., to require license to spear sturgeon.

Bill 215, S., to require trout fishing stamp in addition to fishing or sportsman's license.

Bill 316, S., to require \$1 fee to hunt pheasants in addition to small game license.

Bill 499, S., to exempt deer farms with fewer than 4 from fencing requirements.

Bill 600, S., to abolish division of fish management in conservation commission.

Bill 85, A., to permit trolling for fish from boat propelled by sails or outboard motor.

Bill 237, A., to permit conservation commission to remove detrimental species of fish.

Bill 435, A., to permit hunting of all species of game birds in game farms. (Vetoed)*

Bill No. 607, A., to require posting of uniform signs in fish or game refuges, with notices and maps posted in area.

Bill 609, A., to decrease nonresident hunting license fee.

FORESTRY, PARKS AND LANDS

Enacted

Chapter 56 imposes a penalty for setting a fire on land under one's control, allowing it to spread and become a forest fire.

Chapter 332 requires public utilities to dispose of slash resulting from clearing or brushing within a forest protection district; removes limit on charge made by state for slash disposal if owner fails to do it.

Chapter 626 provides that in computing state share of cost of forest pest control project, federal project aid shall be deducted first.

FORESTRY, PARKS AND LANDS (Continued)

Defeated

Bill 160, S., to require a \$1 annual admission for automobiles entering state parks, revenue to be used for park purposes.

Bill 310, S., to restrict removal of nursery stock obtained from conservation commission.

Bill 435, S., to create a timber marketing commission to publish prices of Wisconsin forest products and provide a listing service showing volume, species and price of forest products for sale.

Bill 484, S., to create a state park board to administer the state park system.

Bill 489, S., to require university to establish forest laboratory in college of agriculture, located in northern Wisconsin, to conduct research in forestry, timber use and entomology.

Bill 429, A., to appropriate funds from the general fund to maintain state parks.

Bill 436, A., to appropriate funds from the state highway fund for state park maintenance.

Bill 598, A., to appropriate 1% of motor fuel tax to conservation commission for maintaining state parks.

PUBLIC ACCESS

Defeated

Bill 13, S., to give conservation commission power to condemn land for public access to waters.

Bill 42, S., to appropriate \$10,000 per year to the conservation commission to acquire land for public access to waters.

Bill 397, S., to authorize conservation commission to investigate need for public access to waters on request of local government or 50 electors, and make findings; highway commission to acquire access on basis of such findings.

WATER

Defeated

Bill 483, S., to provide for management, development, conservation and withdrawal of water in state, under public service commission; to require permits for withdrawal of water for certain uses; to authorize commission to establish water use zones and determine preferences; other provisions.

Bill 30, A., to require state board of health approval for high capacity wells; to create advisory committee on underground water.

Bill 616, A., to regulate withdrawal and use of water.

C O N S T I T U T I O N A L A M E N D M E N T S

STATE

First Passage (Referred to 1959 legislature)

Jt. resolution No. 58 (J.R. No. 39, A.) would permit the state to appropriate money for the improvement of port facilities.

Jt. resolution No. 59 (J.R. No. 47, S.) would base the constitutional debt limitation for Milwaukee county on equalized value instead of assessed values.

Defeated - Second passage refused

Jt. resolutions No. 25, A., and 18, S., to eliminate all courts except the supreme court, circuit courts and justices of the peace.

Defeated - First passage refused

Jt. resolution No. 3, S., to change terms from 2 to 4 years for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer and attorney general.

Jt. resolution No. 6, S., to permit the state to appropriate money for ports and harbors.

Jt. resolution No. 12, S., to provide that county surveyors need not be elected.

Jt. resolution No. 17, S., to provide for annual sessions of the legislature.

Jt. resolution No. 49, S., to provide that the 7 members of the supreme court be elected from districts established on a population basis, instead of at large.

Jt. resolution No. 61, S., to authorize the legislature to alter or abolish inferior courts and make such courts uniform in all counties except Milwaukee county; to authorize Milwaukee county board to establish inferior courts provided for by the legislature.

Jt. resolution No. 72, S., to require uniformity of jurisdiction and procedure in municipal and inferior courts.

Jt. resolution No. 75, S., to provide that value of city property for debt limit purposes shall include property attached for school purposes only.

Jt. resolution No. 82, S., to authorize the state to incur debts up to 3% of annual state income, if approved in a referendum.

Jt. resolution No. 86, S., to permit optional forms of county government; and appointment or other selection of all county officers except district attorneys.

Jt. resolution No. 90, S., to permit passage of banking legislation by a majority vote of the legislature, rather than a two-thirds vote.

Jt. resolution No. 1, A., to permit the state to lend money to local governmental units to improve Great Lakes port facilities.

Jt. resolution No. 8, A., to permit county boards to initiate constitutional amendments, without action by the legislature.

Jt. resolution No. 30, A., to provide that increases in salaries of judges of courts or members of boards or commissions shall be effective as to all when effective as to one, even though compensation would thereby be increased during the term.

Jt. resolution No. 65, A., to permit classification of property for purposes of taxation, instead of a uniform rule for all property.

Jt. resolution No. 71, A., to increase from \$300 to \$800 the amount a railroad or utility employe can earn annually from a public office before being barred from using a pass or privilege given to all such employes.

STATE (Continued)

Defeated - First passage refused (Continued)

Jt. resolution No. 74, A., to permit the state to issue general revenue bonds to raise funds for veterans housing loans.

Jt. resolution No. 80, A., to authorize the legislature to authorize municipalities to permit playing of bingo conducted by nonprofit organizations.

Jt. resolution No. 82, A., to reapportion the legislature to return to districts in effect before the last reapportionment.

Jt. resolution No. 86, A., to permit the state to appropriate money for blighted area redevelopment.

COURTS AND PROCEDURE

CIRCUIT COURTS

Enacted

Chapter 41 changes the times for the fall term of circuit court for Burnett and Barron counties.

Chapter 51 changes the times for the terms of circuit court in Waupaca, Waushara, Portage and Wood counties.

Chapter 109 changes the times for the terms of circuit court in Lafayette, Iowa, Grant, Richland and Crawford counties (5th circuit).

Chapter 206 permits a clerk of court to refuse to accept papers for filing or recording until the fee is paid.

Chapter 252 increases from \$2,000 to \$3,000 the additional salary which may be paid to a circuit judge by the counties in his circuit, in addition to his state salary.

Chapter 317 creates a new judicial circuit of Green county; circuit judge to receive \$1,500 unless he is also the county judge; after 1961 the same person is to be judge of circuit, county, juvenile and small claims courts, with salary of not less than \$10,000 paid by the county.

Chapter 452 creates a new judicial circuit composed of Eau Claire county, and detaches that county from the 19th circuit; first circuit judge of new court to be elected in April 1958 and take office in June 1958.

Chapter 508 changes the time for holding the spring term of circuit court in Shawano county.

Chapter 509 changes the time for holding the terms of circuit court in Taylor county.

Chapter 531 adds a third branch to the Dane county circuit court.

Chapter 614 creates a new circuit court for Ozaukee and Washington counties, formerly combined with Dodge county.

CIVIL PROCEDURE

Enacted

Chapter 181 provides that a writ of attachment may be issued before an act is commenced but after a summons is issued and shown to the clerk of court; and eliminates obsolete material relating to traversing a complaint.

Chapter 242 provides penalties for giving false information to an officer to mislead him in performing his duties, including service of papers; imposes civil liability for same; and extends statute of limitation for one year if court finds such false information was given.

Chapter 258 requires that a court commissioner's order in supplementary proceedings must be served by the sheriff who must make return thereon to the court commissioner, who must then file the order and return with the clerk of court.

Chapter 274 makes various changes relating to creditor's actions, voluntary assignments, confiscation of debtor's property and priorities in distributing a debtor's estate.

Chapter 435 changes statute of limitation for personal injury actions from 6 to 3 years; and eliminates requirement for notice of personal injury within 2 years.

Chapter 458 revises the requirements for serving notice in unlawful detainer actions.

Chapter 479 provides that the owner of a vehicle driven by his spouse or child, may not recover for damages to said vehicle caused

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by a collision with another vehicle if the spouse or child is more than 50 per cent at fault.

Chapter 487 permits a constable to give proof of service by certificate instead of affidavit.

Chapter 563 provides that when a suit is commenced against a person under guardianship and the guardian is not served due to inadvertence or mistake, the court may extend time for service for 60 days to avoid a jurisdictional defect.

Chapter 566 provides that the acts of a court commissioner shall be reviewed by the court before which the action is pending.

Chapter 572 provides that the effect of a judgment lien terminates if the judgment is discharged in bankruptcy.

Chapter 578 authorizes a court to order proceedings before court commissioner to be held in private when necessary.

Defeated

Bill 106, A., to make charitable, religious and municipal corporations liable for negligence of agents or employes.

Bill 110, A., to establish a conclusive presumption that a child under 7 is incapable of contributory negligence in auto accident cases.

Bill 122, A., to require injured person giving statement in writing concerning accident shall be given copy of statement.

Bill 248, A., to permit statements of deceased persons to be admitted in evidence under certain conditions.

Bill 313, A., to require joint tort-feasors to contribute in proportion to the negligence of each.

Bill 446, A., to give defendant in ordinance violation cases the same benefits as in criminal cases, with respect to presumption of innocence, testifying against himself, and proof beyond reasonable doubt.

Bill 638, A., to allow transfer of justice court cases for recovery of fines and forfeitures by municipalities to small claims, civil, municipal, superior or county courts, upon payment by the defendant of a fee of \$1. (Vetoed)*

Bill 701, A., to invalidate liens under conditional sale contracts and chattel mortgages if buyer is adjudicated a bankrupt and seller takes no action to recover goods within 60 days.

Bill 729, A., to require adverse examinations to be taken before a court commissioner or judge at chambers in counties over 65,000 (formerly 500,000). (Vetoed)*

COUNTY COURTS

Enacted

Chapter 57 confers on the Vilas county court additional jurisdiction as follows: Civil jurisdiction equal to circuit courts to \$50,000; jurisdiction equal to circuit courts in criminal cases except homicide; civil and criminal jurisdiction equal to that of a justice of the peace.

Chapter 71 increases the civil jurisdiction of the Sauk county court from \$25,000 to \$50,000; authorizes the county board to set the judge's salary and the judge to set the court reporter's salary.

COUNTY COURTS (Continued)

Enacted (Continued)

Chapter 107 removes the \$50,000 limit on the civil jurisdiction of the Iowa county court, and creates a small claims branch of said court; other minor changes.

Chapter 175 provides procedure for picking juries in Barron county court and eliminates provision for advisory triers.

Chapter 249 provides for appointment of a justice of the peace to substitute for the county judge of Clark county in the absence of such judge with respect to justice court matters.

Chapter 272 authorizes a request for return upon nondelivery to be on the envelope in which papers are served by mail in county court proceedings.

Chapter 275 revises provisions regarding fees of the court reporter for the St. Croix county court.

Chapter 392 revises and clarifies various provisions relating to the Pierce county court.

Chapter 510 gives the Burnett county court the civil and criminal jurisdiction of a justice of the peace.

Chapter 583 authorizes county courts, except in Milwaukee county, to make orders discharging mortgages and liens, in a manner similar to circuit courts.

Chapter 600 revises provisions relating to drawing juries in the county court of Dodge county.

Chapter 683 amends the law relating to La Crosse county court to provide for personnel and payment of salaries.

Defeated

Bill 163, S., to require register in probate to furnish statistics to judicial council on request, or county to be liable for cost of obtaining such statistics.

Bill 603, A., to give county courts substantially the same civil and criminal jurisdiction as circuit courts, and to abolish municipal and inferior courts created by special acts; except in Milwaukee county.

Bill 797, A., to increase filing fees for estates, and defer payment of fees until filing of inventory.

COURT OFFICERS

Enacted

Chapter 118 provides that attorneys appointed by a court to perform certain duties shall be paid the usual compensation charged by attorneys for similar services, plus expenses.

Chapter 693 provides that fees of register of probate or clerk of court shall be paid when inventory or other document setting forth value is filed.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Enacted

Chapter 94 requires reimbursement by the county for expenses incurred by an institution in bringing a prisoner to court under writ of habeas corpus and prosequendum.

Chapter 199 permits a person to enter a guilty plea in one county to crimes committed in other counties of the state, to consolidate all such charges in one proceeding.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (Continued)

Defeated

Bill 656, A., to allow transfer of criminal cases pending in justice court to a court of record (other than circuit court) having criminal jurisdiction, upon payment by defendant of a fee of \$1.
(Vetoed)*

DAMAGES

Defeated

Bill 166, S., to increase maximum damages for loss of society in wrongful death actions from \$2,500 to \$7,500.

Bill 184, A., to increase maximum damages in wrongful death actions.

Bill 385, A., to eliminate presumption of liability in cases of aircraft accidents.

Bill 511, A., to provide for proportionate payment of damages by joint tort-feasors.

Bill 689, A., to permit a child to sue parent for injuries caused by parent's negligent driving.

FEEES

Enacted

Chapter 9 increases the fees for transcripts of the records of the Milwaukee county civil court to the same as in circuit court.

Chapter 137 increases fees for serving papers of the civil court of Milwaukee county, requires payment of such fees in advance and makes fees payable for attempted service.

Chapter 193 permits the state and local units of government to prepay witness fees by check.

Chapter 225 provides that a garnishee fee is \$3, rather than the same fee as that paid to witnesses.

Chapter 429 provides that uniform statutory fees shall apply for clerks of courts with jurisdiction concurrent with circuit courts, notwithstanding special laws to the contrary; increases from 25 cents to \$2 the fee for filing transcript of a small claims court judgment.

Chapter 655 fixes compensation of court bailiffs to be the same as that fixed by the county board for deputy sheriffs for attending court.

GUARDIANS AD LITEM

Enacted

Chapter 48 increases from \$1,000 to \$1,500 the amount of a judgment or claim which can be settled by a guardian ad litem without the appointment of a general guardian.

Defeated

Bill 469, S., to provide for payment by county of guardian ad litem fees when parties are unable to pay.

INFERIOR COURTS

Defeated

Bill 503, S., to provide for uniformity in jurisdiction and procedure in inferior courts; other provisions.

Bill 525, S., to establish second branch of Dane county superior court.

JUDGES

Enacted

Chapter 633 increases salaries of the state supreme court justices beginning with the new terms, as follows: Chief justice, \$14,500 to \$18,000; justices \$14,000 to \$17,500.

Defeated

Bill 155, A., to create a judicial selection committee to suggest nominees for court appointments to the governor when vacancies occur.

JUSTICE COURTS

Enacted

Chapter 45 requires a justice of the peace to take judicial notice of the ordinances of the town, village or city in which he serves, in prosecutions for violation of such ordinances.

Chapter 63 gives justices of the peace jurisdiction of actions to recover a tax, regardless of amount.

Chapter 291 requires a justice of the peace to hold court in the municipal hall of his town, village or city if such hall is available, otherwise in a place authorized by the governing body.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY

Enacted

Chapter 102 provides that the judges of the Milwaukee county civil court shall select a new calendar judge every 3 months instead of every 6 months; that the calendar judge be on duty on Saturday forenoon and that the other judges need not serve on Saturday.

Chapter 356 permits transfer of case in district court of Milwaukee county to either the civil court or the other district court branch, upon filing of affidavit of prejudice.

Chapter 406 provides that jury trial may be waived orally in municipal court of Milwaukee county, but the court must approve and the state must consent in criminal cases.

Chapter 446 adds the judge of the Milwaukee county children's court to the Orphan's Board of Trustees; revises statutory authority for investments of the board.

MUNICIPAL COURTS

Enacted

Chapter 2 creates a municipal court for Ozaukee county as a court of record with civil jurisdiction to \$5,000 and criminal jurisdiction where fine is not over \$1,000 and imprisonment is not more than one year.

Chapter 67 puts judge of Lincoln county second municipal court on salary basis instead of fee basis.

Chapter 288 relates to clerk of court, reporters and juries for the municipal court of Sheboygan county.

Chapter 486 provides for calling in a judge or court commissioner when the judge of the Ripon municipal court is unable to serve because of disability or affidavit of prejudice; increase fee from \$5 to \$25 per day in such cases.

Chapter 682 established a municipal court in Shawano county with county wide jurisdiction. Temporary judge elected in April 1958 and regular judge elected in 1959 for 6-year term.

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MUNICIPAL COURTS (Continued)

Defeated

BILL 805, A., to establish a municipal court for the city of Wisconsin Rapids. (Vetoed)*

SUPREME COURT

Defeated

BILL 390, S., to permit annotations to supreme court rules prepared by judicial council to be considered as indication of legislative intent.

C R I M E P R E V E N T I O N

AUTOMOBILES

Defeated

Bill 441, A., to permit confiscation of motor vehicles and aircraft used to transport illegal narcotics.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Enacted

Chapter 128 broadens the authority of the district attorney and the coroner in investigating deaths, conducting inquests and autopsies and gathering physiological evidence.

Chapter 415 authorizes a merchant's employes and agents to defend the property of such merchant from real or apparent interference (to aid in preventing shoplifting).

Chapter 465 terminates authority of city and village police chiefs and marshalls to request services of state crime laboratory, so charge backs for services will be made only to counties.

Defeated

Bill 63, S., to authorize district attorney to require inquest in suicides or unexplained deaths; other provisions.

GAMBLING

Defeated

Bill 44, A., to permit replays on amusement devices.

Bill 731, A., to permit municipality to authorize bingo games by religious, charitable, veterans, police or firemen's organizations; to impose a state tax of 10% of total receipts from bingo.

OBSCENE LITERATURE

Enacted

Chapter 434 permits district attorneys to obtain declaratory judgments against obscene matter, to bar sale of such matter.

Chapter 648 prohibits sale and distribution of crime comic books depicting acts of indecency, horror, terror, physical torture or brutality.

Defeated

Bill 47, S., to empower law enforcement authorities to seize indecent literature or other matter and institute proceedings for destruction of such objects.

PENAL LAWS

Enacted

Chapter 46 imposes penalties for falsely communicating that one has knowledge about kidnapped or missing persons.

Chapter 205 repeals a provision permitting females convicted of crime to be committed to the home for women for up to 5 years in lieu of statutory penalty.

Chapter 451 provides penalties for persons throwing debris on any public or private property; and for drivers of vehicles from which debris is thrown.

Defeated

Bill 257, S., to prohibit scattering of cremated remains.

Bill 427, A., to prohibit persons from soliciting employment or business on a highway.

PENAL LAWS (Continued)

Defeated (Continued)

Bill 528, A., to provide penalty for giving false information to law officers.

PRISONERS

Enacted

Chapter 43 requires the payment of wages earned by (Huber law) prisoners to such prisoners upon discharge, after taking out expenses and payments to support their dependents, instead of paying one-half of such balance to the county.

SEX CRIMES

Enacted

Chapter 359 provides penalty for escaping custody while committed for examination under sex crimes act.

Chapter 478 requires welfare authorities to notify law enforcement officials if they have reason to believe a person receiving relief is engaging in immoral behavior.

SUBVERSIVES

Defeated

Bill 57, S., to prohibit use of public buildings by subversive organizations.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Enacted

Chapter 6 provides for daylight saving time from the last Sunday in April to the last Sunday of September, subject to a state-wide referendum in April 1957. (In the referendum a majority voted in favor of daylight saving time.)

Chapter 556 provides that whenever time is referred to in the statutes, central standard or daylight saving time is meant, depending on which is in effect at any given time.

Defeated

Bill 18, S., to establish daylight saving time for 1957 and 1958, with referendum in November 1958 on question of continuing daylight saving time in future years.

Bill 89, S., to authorize daylight saving time on county-wide basis as determined by county board.

Bill 6, A., to authorize county boards to establish daylight saving time.

Bill 46, A., to permit Milwaukee county board to establish daylight saving time in Milwaukee county.

D O M E S T I C R E L A T I O N S A N D A D O P T I O N

ADOPTION

Defeated

Bill 697, A., to permit investigation in adoption matters to be performed by any qualified welfare agency.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

Enacted

Chapter 535 makes uniform the grounds for absolute divorce and divorce from bed and board; gives the court discretion as to type of divorce to grant; provides that dower and curtesy are cut off if a final division of estate is made upon a divorce from bed and board as well as absolute divorce.

Defeated

Bill 112, A., to require person commencing divorce action to file statement of intent 60 days in advance.

Bill 246, A., to prohibit divorce for cruel and inhuman treatment or neglect while parties have minor children.

Bill 557, A., to provide for investigation by welfare agency of fitness of parents for custody in divorce actions.

Bill 810, A., to permit divorce when the conduct of each party has been such as to provide the other party with grounds for divorce, divorce to be granted to party whose conduct is less culpable.

PARENT AND CHILD

Enacted

Chapter 138 makes minor changes in the children's code relating to orders transferring custody and consent for emergency surgery.

Chapter 180 provides that competent findings by one or more pathologists that blood tests excluding a man as father of a child, shall be conclusive evidence of nonpaternity.

Chapter 208 makes a parent liable up to \$300 for damage to property done by his child, in the discretion of the court.

Chapter 296 makes various changes in the laws relating to paternity proceedings to conform phraseology to 1955 revision of children's code; permit complainant to be represented by private attorney instead of district attorney; other procedural changes.

Defeated

Bill 46, S., to make parents liable for damages caused by malicious acts of minor child, not to exceed \$300.

SUPPORT OF DEPENDENTS

Enacted

Chapter 187 exempts counties from suit tax in actions to enforce responsibility for support of indigent relatives.

Defeated

Bill 490, S., makes exceptions to the relative responsibility law in case the person charged has received no support from the relative in need, and such relative had a duty to support him.
(Vetoed)*

E D U C A T I O N
COUNTY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Enacted

Chapter 201 permits membership of county school committee to include 2 county board members.

Chapter 320 provides that the Milwaukee county school committee shall be appointed at large, with no more than one member from any town, village or city; that if a county has no city or village no more than one member shall be from any one town; and that 2 members may be county board members (instead of one).

COUNTY TEACHERS COLLEGES

Enacted

Chapter 364 provides for increased state aid for county teachers colleges, to be based on teachers' salaries.

Defeated

Bill 148, S., to provide for the aids for county teachers colleges based on salaries of teachers and president.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Enacted

Chapter 502 provides a revolving appropriation for publication and sale of materials by state department of public instruction.

FINANCE

Enacted

Chapter 598 authorizes a school district to assign state aids, tuition revenue, or taxes levied as security for loans for operating purposes; such short term loans not to be considered indebtedness in reporting or computing total school debt.

Chapter 700 provided that until 1959-60 a 4-year old enrolled in a half day kindergarten shall be counted as one-half pupil for aid purposes and after that he shall not be counted.

HANDICAPPED PERSONS

Enacted

Chapter 19 exempts the state school for the deaf from a restriction which limits the use of a school bus to not more than 50 miles beyond the state boundary.

Chapter 153 authorizes municipalities to transport and pay tuition for children with defects in sight to attend special kindergarten classes in other districts.

Chapter 298 provides that county schools for handicapped children shall be under the control of a handicapped children's education board composed of 3 or 5 residents of the county; and provides for transportation of such children.

Chapter 333 provides that nonresident tuition for pupils transferred to special schools for handicapped children with approval of state and local superintendents be paid by district of residence; other nonresident tuition to be paid by those municipalities in any county which does not operate special schools, apportioned on basis of equalized value; includes preschool children among those eligible to attend special schools outside their districts.

Chapter 501 increases from \$3,000 to \$9,000 the amount which may be used to reimburse school districts for cost of transportation, board and lodging of handicapped children.

HANDICAPPED PERSONS (Continued)

Enacted (Continued)

Chapter 584 increases from \$100 to \$200 the state aid for home instruction of physically handicapped children.

Chapter 634 provides programs of home instruction for mentally handicapped children who can benefit from such instruction; to be provided by school districts or counties which pay one-half the cost; the state to pay one-half the cost.

Defeated

Bill 516, A., to require cost of educating handicapped children to be paid by counties rather than local units.

HIGH SCHOOLS

Enacted

Chapter 21 permits the board of any school district operating a high school to employ a superintendent or principal for a term of up to 3 years.

Chapter 428 allows a union high school district to elect its school board at the spring election.

Defeated

Bill 434, A., to permit persons with masters degrees to teach in high school if they have had university teaching experience, although they have no pedagogical training.

MILWAUKEE CITY

Enacted

Chapter 20 permits the Milwaukee board of school directors to elect a superintendent for an initial term of 3 to 5 years, and subsequent terms of 5 years, instead of 3 years.

Defeated

Bill 685, A., to reconstitute Milwaukee school board on basis of districts, each consisting of a city ward, rather than having board elected at large.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND TUITION

Enacted

Chapter 77 provides that nonresident tuition for students at county agricultural schools shall be computed the same as regular high school tuition.

Chapter 318 permits the university regents to remit nonresident tuition to a limited number of students entitled to equitable relief from payment of nonresident tuition.

Chapter 450 provides college scholarships to Indian students.

Chapter 476 provides scholarships for deaf and hard of hearing students attending college.

Chapter 493 requires state to pay school tuition for children whose parents are employed at and reside at state charitable or penal institutions.

Chapter 569 appropriates additional funds to the department of public instruction for scholarships for deaf persons, aids for handicapped children, and tuition of children of employes living on grounds of state institutions; all as provided in other 1957 legislation.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND TUITION (Continued)

Enacted

Chapter 632 broadens authority of the university, state colleges and state department of public welfare to grant scholarships and aid to college students; extends fee scholarships to all students instead of only freshmen.

Chapter 635 directs the co-ordinating committee for higher education to establish a state scholarship committee to provide scholarships to talented students based on academic record; to conduct studies of practices in granting scholarships; broadens authority of university and state colleges to grant scholarships to students.

Defeated

Bill 303, S., to provide for nursing scholarships administered by state board of nursing, with appropriation of \$81,000 annually for 6 years.

Bill 304, S., to provide scholarships for nursing school educators to be administered by state board of nursing, with appropriation of \$37,000 annually for 6 years.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Enacted

Chapter 33 authorizes a school board to pay a membership fee in a school boards organization and the expenses of representatives attending the organization's meetings.

Chapter 37 requires an annual audit of school district accounts if annual current expenditures exceed \$25,000, the district receives state aids in excess of 50 per cent, or excess state aids are required.

Chapter 117 removes the limit on the salaries of school board members in districts operating schools with more than 2 departments.

Chapter 162 changes the amount of the bond of school district treasurers from all money coming into his hands to 5 per cent of the annual school budget.

Chapter 200 provides that tests of the vision of school children may be made by licensed optometrists.

Chapter 503 authorizes school boards to charge for school lunches.

Defeated

Bill 9, S., to increase age for compulsory school attendance from 16 to 18.

Bill 217, S., to give board of common school or union school district powers and duties of annual meeting, if approved at referendum; to provide for election of school board members at spring election.

Bill 252, S., to require county superintendent of schools be paid not less than he could qualify for as a supervising teacher.

Bill 584, S., to permit union high school districts and adjacent city districts to enter contracts of 10 to 20 years duration, under which city district would admit students of union district on a tuition basis.

Bill 307, A., to require display of the 10 commandments on the wall of every classroom.

Bill 321, A., to prohibit teachers or school employes from reflecting corporal punishment on students.

SCHOOL DISTRICT REORGANIZATION

Enacted

Chapter 87 reorganizes the common school district at the city of Brodhead under general law, and repeals the special law under which it was created in 1867.

Chapter 382 provides for apportionment of assets and liabilities of certain school districts when territory is transferred from one district to another; requires notice of change of district name to land commissioners if a state trust fund loan is outstanding.

Chapter 536 is an extensive revision of the statutes relating to school district reorganization intended to clarify, unify and coordinate procedures.

Chapter 537 repeals a law which authorized annexation of territory adjacent to a common school district operating a high school to such district.

Chapter 564 provides that when territory becomes part of a city school district and within 5 years is transferred to another district or city, the latter is entitled in apportionment of assets to only those assets apportioned as a result of the original attachment or consolidation.

Defeated

Bill 6, S., to require that all territory be in a high school district by 1960.

Bill 130, S., to provide for creation of metropolitan school districts in territory with certain population density, with school board having power to levy and collect taxes.

Bill 334, S., to repeal authority of county school committees to reorganize school districts.

Bill 590, S., to require orders affecting boundaries of high school districts to provide for a unified compact area of contiguous territory.

Bill 615, S., to create a commission to establish intermediate school districts so that all territory in state is situated in an intermediate district, which must contain at least 10,000 pupils; such district to provide education, leadership and have certain regulatory and administrative functions over local school districts; to abolish county school committees and transfer duties to intermediate districts; to abolish office of county superintendent and transfer functions to intermediate district superintendent.

Bill 458, A., to require referendum on school district reorganization order on petition of 10 per cent of voters of district affected by order; upon such referendum the order would not be effective unless approved by majority in each district, except that order may take effect in district approving it and not in others.

Bill 579, A., to extend for 2 years the existence of nonoperating school districts transporting pupils to other schools.

STATE SCHOOL AIDS

Enacted

Chapter 36 provides that the committee on education of the legislative council, in considering the advisability of adjusting the state school aid formula, shall co-operate with school board members representing elementary districts, union high school districts and districts with grades 1 to 12.

Chapter 490 increases state school aids by raising the valuation behind a pupil and flat aids.

STATE SCHOOL AIDS (Continued)

Enacted (Continued)

Chapter 491 increases the proportion of the income tax revenues to be used for state school aids before such revenues are distributed to the state and local governments.

Chapter 643 eliminates state school aids with respect to pupils attending 4-year-old kindergarten programs.

Defeated

Bill 550, A., to increase state school aids; to proportion a larger share of utility taxes to the state.

TRANSPORTATION

Enacted

Chapter 514 revises the laws concerning the definition, operation, construction and equipment of school busses.

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGES

Enacted

Chapter 73 revises certain statutes relating to the state colleges to clarify their functions and duties in conformance with their broadened purposes.

Chapter 156 authorizes the university board of regents to invest up to 75 per cent of certain trust funds in equity securities.

Chapter 369 increases from 25 to 50 the number of certificates which may be issued annually to persons taking postgraduate courses in medicine; and increases from 75 to 150 the number which may be in effect at one time.

Chapter 375 appropriates \$255,000 for new medical school building, together with federal grants and donation from Wisconsin alumni research foundation.

Chapter 380 authorizes counties to appropriate funds for university extension center buildings.

Chapter 593 provides for transfer to the state building trust fund of amounts equal to 20 per cent of university tuition and one-third of state college tuition, which can be used for buildings at such institutions with approval of the state building commission.

Defeated

Bill 511, S., to direct co-ordinating committee for higher education to transfer Superior state college to the university.

VOCATIONAL AND ADULT

Enacted

Chapter 224 authorizes establishment of area districts of vocational and adult education, composed of one or more local units of government; district to have at least 20,000 population and \$60,000,000 equalized value. Tax of up to 2 mills could be levied by district board.

Chapter 402 appropriates additional funds for state aid to vocational education in agriculture.

Chapter 438 provides investigation of vocational courses offered by nonpublic schools; and prohibits such schools from guaranteeing employment without a contract with an employer.

Chapter 689 appropriates \$180,000 for additional state aid to local vocational schools.

Defeated

Bill 266, A., to give municipal governing bodies power to control vocational school budgets.

E L E C T I O N S

CORRUPT PRACTICES

Enacted

Chapter 454 requires that printed matter concerning elections contain the names of the persons issuing it.

Defeated

Bill 461, S., to require statements of candidates and committees to include full name and exact address of contributors.

Bill 393, A., requiring that all literature concerning elections contain the name and address of the person issuing it, or of an officer if issued by an organization. (Pocket vetoed)*

Bill 547, A., to prohibit campaign expenditures unless authorized by candidate for whom made.

Bills 683, A. and 7, S., to revise the corrupt practices statutes, making them stricter, and increase the amounts which can be spent by candidates.

ELECTION OFFICIALS

Enacted

Chapter 449 provides that election officials shall be appointed and apportioned on a precinct basis instead of by district.

Defeated

Bill 596, S., to require that secretary of election commission in city of Milwaukee be appointed through competitive written examination.

Bill 189, A., to require publication of names of election officials before elections.

Bill 411, A., to reconstitute the city of Milwaukee board of election commissioners.

Bill 451, A., to change method of selecting members of Milwaukee county board of election commissioners.

POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Defeated

Bill 10, S., to repeal a 1955 act prohibiting political contributions by labor unions.

Bill 331, S., to permit corporations and labor unions to contribute up to \$1,000 to political campaigns, if approved by stockholders or members.

Bill 369, S., to prohibit individual political contributions of more than \$100.

PROCEDURE AND DISTRICTS

Enacted

Chapter 343 requires that eligibility of new residents in the state to vote in presidential elections be verified by election official of the former residence of such person.

Chapter 347 provides for consolidation of recall election when more than one official is recalled in the same proceeding.

Chapter 349 provides that notice of recount proceedings may be served on opposing candidates by registered mail rather than as a summons is served; other provisions.

Chapter 647 authorizes the governor to fill a vacancy in the office of U.S. senator by temporary appointment under certain conditions.

PROCEDURE AND DISTRICTS(Continued)

Defeated

Bill 122, S., to eliminate primaries for supreme court justices and state school superintendents, with run-off elections under certain conditions.

Bill 65, A., to eliminate primaries for office of state superintendent, supreme court, lower courts and county or district superintendent.

Bill 220, A., to permit recording of absentee ballots on voting machines instead of counting them separately.

Bill 221, A., to provide that facsimile ballots must be published before all elections instead of only general elections; publication to be 2 times instead of 3 times. (Vetoed)*

Bill 314, A., to combine ballots for presidential, congressional, state and county offices.

Bill 415, A., to permit a member of the legislature to become a candidate for re-election without filing nomination papers.

Bill 541, A., to combine presidential and state ballot and eliminate space for voting straight ticket.

Bill 542, A., to provide for referendum in city of Milwaukee on question of using voting machines.

VOTERS

Enacted

Chapter 323 permits registration of physically disabled voters in their homes or institutions in which they reside, by the proper election official.

Defeated

Bill 250, A., to eliminate provisions authorizing unregistered electors to vote upon filing affidavit concerning voting qualifications.

Bill 487, A., to require registration of voters in all towns, cities and villages.

E S T A T E S A N D T R U S T S

ESTATES

Enacted

Chapter 11 requires that the attorney general be notified in probate cases where a legatee or distributee is not in a position to receive his share, and the proceeds are deposited in the school fund.

Chapter 90 increases the fee for filing claims against estates from 25 cents to \$1 in Milwaukee county.

Chapter 197 revises laws relating to summary settlement of small estates; requires that life insurance and certain gifts be set forth in petition; provisions relating to notice.

Chapter 198 permits sale of a homestead in connection with probate proceedings if all interested parties consent, including guardians of minors or incompetents.

Chapter 281 authorizes court to order sale of all real estate owned by an estate if partition is impractical or such sale is in the best interests of the estate.

Chapter 524 prohibits fiduciaries from purchasing property from estate unless approved by all interested parties and the court or authorized by the will.

GUARDIANSHIPS

Enacted

Chapter 13 provides that in Milwaukee county the district attorney may apply for removal of a guardian for an inmate of a county mental institution.

Chapter 468 revises statutes relating to guardians and wards.

WILLS

Enacted

Chapter 211 provides that wills shall not be contractual unless they contain affirmative express language to that effect, except for joint wills in a single document.

Chapter 232 provides that participating in a probate proceeding or accepting a bequest or devise does not constitute an election to waive or forego any interest in property affected by a will, unless the will expressly so provides.

Chapter 404 provides that the exercise by the settlor of a trust of a power to revoke, alter or amend shall be effective as to property going to the trust by will even though the settlor's will is not re-executed or republished.

Chapter 506 creates a presumption that a trustee receiving real estate by will has full power to convey such real estate.

Chapter 561 removes restrictions on the power to direct by will or other instrument the accumulation of income from property for the benefit of persons specified therein.

Chapter 650 revises law permitting release of powers of appointments under certain conditions.

Defeated

Bill 743, A., to require that notice of hearing on will be accompanied by copy of will.

F O O D A N D D R U G S

DRUGS

Defeated

Bill 263, A., to redefine proprietary medicines.

GRADING AND LABELLING

Defeated

Bill 395, A., to require eggs to be graded as to quality and size before sale, and conspicuously marked.

PRESERVATIVES AND COLORING

Enacted

Chapter 227 permits the use of limited quantities of sulphur dioxide in processing potatoes.

Defeated

Bill 164, A., to permit sale of canned food with artificial coloring under certain circumstances.

Bill 678, A., to prohibit use of benzoates on food.

H I G H W A Y S

CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

Enacted

Chapter 525 makes various changes in the statutes relating to the functions of the state highway commission.

FINANCE

Enacted

Chapter 652 constitutes the state highway fund budget act for the 1957-59 biennium.

Defeated

Bill 657, A., to require state pay for cost of removal and relocation of public utility lines in connection with construction of interstate highway system.

LOCAL

Enacted

Chapter 25 limits municipality share of cost of certain bridges to one-half of 1 per cent of state equalized value of property in municipality; excess paid by state. Provides procedure for county action if municipality fails to provide its share of cost; permits adjacent local government to assume cost.

Chapter 28 authorizes the Milwaukee county expressway commission to pay a utility the additional cost incurred by original construction of a utility installation in an abnormal manner in order to allow for future expressway construction.

Chapter 183 requires that the county highway register be recorded in the office of the register of deeds.

Chapter 294 permits authorities in charge of an expressway or freeway to prohibit its use by pedestrians, bicyclists, nonmotorized traffic, or persons driving power driven cycles or motor bicycles; and to prohibit entering or leaving a freeway except at openings provided for such purposes.

Chapter 329 contains numerous provisions concerning the powers and functions of the Milwaukee county expressway commission, mostly concerning the acquisition and use of lands for expressway purposes.

Chapter 412 authorizes county boards to make changes in county trunk highway systems; and to sell county land no longer needed for highway purposes.

Chapter 590 authorizes towns, cities and villages to designate roads and streets as class "B" highways for weight limit purposes.

Defeated

Bill 188, S., to permit highway commission to construct roads in county forests with funds appropriated for state park roads.

Bill 203, A., to require town boards to erect standard warning signs along town roads where needed.

STATE AIDS

Enacted

Chapter 565 advances the time for payment of a portion of the supplemental highway aids by 3 months for counties and 4 months for other units of government.

Defeated

Bill 529, S., to provide aids to municipalities for alleys.

STATE TRUNK SYSTEM

Enacted

Chapter 293 requires local authorities to confer with state highway commission before making a connecting street a one-way street or prohibiting turns at intersection of connecting streets.

Chapter 472 directs the legislative council to refer to its highway advisory committee for study a proposal for establishing a limited access arterial highway to serve the industrial areas of southeastern Wisconsin.

Chapter 619 clarifies the mileage on the state trunk highway system authorized by prior acts, and restores the number of miles which the highway commission may add to the system.

Chapter 631 provides that the interstate bridge commission shall consist of 2 senators, 3 assemblymen and 2 citizens; and that members' expenses be reimbursed from the highway fund.

Defeated

Bill 26, S., to authorize the city of Milwaukee to impose temporary speed limits on state trunk highways in Milwaukee when streets are being repaired, without consent of state highway commission. (Vetoed)*

Bill 27, S., to authorize the city of Milwaukee to reduce speed limits under certain conditions, without consent of the state highway commission. (Vetoed)*

Bill 285, S., to require state highway commission approval for angle parking on state trunk highways or connecting streets.

Bill 332, S., to prohibit advertising signs along state trunk highways unless licensed by state highway commission with fees required.

Bill 417, S., to increase allotment to counties for state trunk highway construction and reduce amount state highway commission may spend for such purposes at its discretion.

Bill 538, S., to authorize state highway commission to acquire easements along interstate highway system to prohibit certain advertising signs.

I N S U R A N C E

CASUALTY

Enacted

Chapter 174 provides that the surplus of certain mutual casualty insurance companies may include surplus notes.

Chapter 188 authorizes writing of one insurance policy for fire, liability, burglary, plate glass, sprinkler leakage and medical payments with or without separate premium; and adds medical payments to casualty coverages permitted in one policy with separate premium; authorizes company to write additional coverages without additional surplus if assumed by, or reinsured with, a qualified company.

Chapter 254 provides that a surety corporation may recover from a personal endorser or consigner of a corporate obligation on as much in any one year as is deductible as a nonbusiness bad debt for federal income tax purposes, unless this provision is specifically waived.

Chapter 302 provides that the insurance rating bureau shall make available to, rather than give, companies information on classifications, rates and surveys concerning workmen's compensation insurance.

DOMESTIC COMPANIES

Enacted

Chapter 69 permits domestic life insurance companies in bonds of the international bank for reconstruction and development, to the extent of 2 per cent of the company's assets.

Chapter 95 provides that nomination of directors or trustees for domestic mutual life insurance companies with over 20,000 policyholders may be made by 500 policyholders (formerly 100); and that notices and other materials may be sent to last known address of policyholder.

Chapter 133 provides that a policy of insurance on real property on which a domestic insurance company (other than life) makes a loan may be held for the benefit of the lending corporation (rather than held by it).

Chapter 169 authorizes domestic insurance companies (other than life) to invest assets in shares of mutual funds.

Chapter 358 broadens authority of domestic life insurance companies to invest in equipment trust certificates covered by conditional sales contracts.

Chapter 373 broadens the authority of domestic insurance companies (other than life) to invest in equipment trust certificates under lease or conditional sales contract.

Chapter 417 clarifies statutory authority to form insurance companies to write title and credit insurance.

FIRE

Enacted

Chapter 236 authorizes rearranging of the provisions of a standard fire insurance policy for convenience, if the provisions themselves are not altered.

Chapter 408 authorizes domestic insurance companies to insure livestock against loss or damage by fire; and provides that standard policy need not be used for insuring livestock.

Defeated

Bill 187, A., to allow fire insurance companies to limit amount of other insurance on same property.

GROUP

Enacted

Chapter 687 allows justices of supreme court, circuit judges and state superintendent of public instruction to participate in state group life insurance program.

LIFE, HEALTH AND ACCIDENT

Enacted

Chapter 122 decreases from 25 to 10 the number of employes required under a group life insurance policy; permits creditor to provide group life insurance to debtor whose debt is payable in one sum after 18 months or less; limits policies to \$20,000 or 150 per cent of annual compensation but not more than \$40,000; other provisions.

Chapter 123 provides that payment of dividends payable by mutual insurance companies (other than life) on accident and health policies on the first or second policy anniversary may be contingent upon continuing premium payments; and requires life insurance companies to pay dividends on life, accident and health insurance policies entitled to share in surplus.

Chapter 321 provides for rate approval by insurance commissioner for sale of credit life insurance; other provisions regarding issuance of credit life, health and accident insurance.

Chapter 455 permits combining life insurance and disability insurance in one policy.

Chapter 624 authorizes issuance of special licenses without examination to persons selling credit life insurance, in lieu of the regular life insurance salesman's license.

Defeated

Bill 382, S., to provide procedure for making gifts of life insurance to minors.

Bill 567, S., to provide that group life insurance may cover dependents of employes.

Bill 482, A., to require that accident and sickness insurance in effect for one year or more may not be cancelled with less than 12 months' notice.

MUTUALS

Enacted

Chapter 72 clarifies membership requirements for domestic mutual insurance companies; and authorizes automobile insurance companies to charge an initial membership or policy fee.

Chapter 74 exempts from examination insurance agents applying for license to sell windstorm, cyclone and tornado insurance for domestic mutual company on assessment plan.

Chapter 276 permits a mutual insurance company to write fire and extended coverage on an advance premium plan and windstorm, tornado and cyclone coverage in a separate policy on the same kind of risk on the assessment plan.

Chapter 335 to broaden types of insurance which may be written by town mutual companies to include hail, tempest, explosion and other property damage--in addition to fire and lightning.

INTOXICATING LIQUOR AND BEER
CHEMICAL TESTS

Defeated

Bill 136, S., to require admission of evidence of intoxicant in blood rather than having such evidence admissible only.

Bill 81, A., to require drivers suspected of drunken driving to submit to chemical tests or have driver's license suspended.

CLOSING HOURS

Enacted

Chapter 325 specifies the election days on which taverns must close, as the spring primary, spring election, September primary, general election, and special primary or election for state or national office; permitting taverns to open on days of certain local elections.

Chapter 641 prohibits presence of persons in beer taverns after closing hours, unless they are residents, employes, lodgers or boarders on such premises.

Defeated

Bill 105, S., to authorize a municipality to extend tavern closing hours until 2 a.m. during the summer if it finds as a fact that its principal source of income is from the tourist and recreation industry. (Vetoed)*

Bill 248, S., to require taverns to close on Christmas Eve.

LICENSES

Enacted

Chapter 136 repeals a provision which allows the city of Milwaukee to issue a combination license to sell intoxicating liquor for consumption both on or off the premises.

Chapter 304 provides that tavern operators' licenses in the city of Milwaukee shall expire on December 31 instead of June 30.

Chapter 677 authorizes the commissioner of taxation to issue beer licenses to private country clubs if none are issued by the governing body for a fee of \$10 to be paid to the local treasurer.

Defeated

Bill 236, S., to increase maximum fee for class A retail beer license from \$10 to \$50.

Bill 398, S., to reduce from one year to 30 days residence requirement for issuing operator's license for sale of beer and liquor.

Bill 302, A., to provide for club retail liquor licenses issued by department of taxation to veterans' organizations.

MINORS

Enacted

Chapter 96 prohibits sale of beer to nonresident minor if his home state prohibits such sale, unless accompanied by parent, guardian or spouse. Students and members of armed forces would be considered residents while living or stationed in Wisconsin.

Chapter 267 prohibits giving beer to persons under 21 who are residents of adjoining state which prohibits furnishing beer to persons under 21; and prohibits such persons from having beer.

Enacted (Continued)

Chapter 390 prohibits a person under 21 from possessing intoxicating liquor in a motor vehicle, or possessing beer in a motor vehicle if a person under 18 is present, except under specified conditions.

Defeated

Bill 24, A., to raise minimum age for purchasing beer from 18 to 21.

Bill 338, A., to permit sale of beer to minors 18 years old or over on premises of educational institutions of the state or religious bodies. (Vetoed)*

REGULATION

Enacted

Chapter 142 permits a brewer, bottler or wholesaler to lease tavern premises and equipment to a licensee if located in a hotel with 100 or more rooms.

Chapter 233 prohibits retail liquor licensees from running accounts owed for liquor more than 30 days.

Chapter 285 eliminates language which would permit a brewer, bottler or wholesaler to give away merchandise and containers to licensees, and provides that such merchandise may be sold and the containers sold or loaned to licensees.

Chapter 577 prohibits opening or drinking from a container of beer or intoxicating liquor in a moving vehicle on a public highway, except in busses.

Defeated

Bill 291, S., to prohibit taverns from cashing public assistance checks.

Bill 241, A., to repeal 15-day beer credit law enacted in 1955.

Bill 376, A., to require liquor wholesalers and distributors to file price schedules with department of taxation and to limit and restrict cash and quantity discounts.

L A B O R A N D C I V I L R I G H T S

CIVIL RIGHTS

Enacted

Chapter 266 gives the industrial commission power to issue orders against discriminatory employment practices, which are enforceable in court.

Defeated

Bill 468, A., to terminate exemption from property taxes of any medical or hospital institution practicing racial or religious discrimination in training personnel, excepting staff doctors or admitting patients.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Enacted

Chapter 235 changes from \$13 to \$16 the lowest weekly wage needed to qualify for unemployment compensation; increases minimum balance to be maintained in balancing account; provides for financing of administrative building with federal funds; and other provisions.

Chapter 418 increases maximum unemployment compensation benefits from \$36 to \$38 per week.

Chapter 419 provides for crediting employer accounts when unemployment compensation reserve fund exceeds a certain amount.

Chapter 644 changes references in unemployment compensation laws from "employer" to "employing unit".

Defeated

Bill 448, S., to provide that employer contributions for supplemental unemployment benefits credited to employe accounts are treated as wages for unemployment tax purposes.

Bill 272, A., to provide additional unemployment compensation benefits to employes with dependents.

Bill 448, A., to increase from 38 to 50 the number of weeks for which credit is given under unemployment compensation.

Bill 449, A., to repeal one week waiting period for unemployment benefits.

Bill 549, A., to extend unemployment compensation to logging.

UNIONS

Defeated

Bill 235, S., to give municipal employes the right to join labor unions and be represented by unions in negotiations with employers.

WAGES AND HOURS

Defeated

Bill 75, S., to establish a minimum wage of 70 cents per hour in 1958 and 75 cents in 1959 and thereafter.

Bill 91, S., to prohibit garnishment of wages until judgment is obtained in principal action.

Bill 142, S., to require payment of wages once a week.

Bill 165, S., to prohibit wage differentials which discriminate against female employes.

Bill 366, A., to require a 5-day 40-hour work week for policemen in cities of the second and third class. (Vetoed)*

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

Enacted

Chapter 58 increases from \$5,500 to \$11,000 the amount to be paid by an employer into the state treasury under the workmen's compensation law upon the death of an employe without dependents.

Chapter 204 increases workmen's compensation benefits for death, disability and occupational loss of hearing; requires the state to pay interest if payments of benefits to its employes are delayed; sets maximum payments to minors in cases of double and treble liability; and makes the workmen's compensation director an examiner.

Defeated

Bill 37, S., to extend beyond 6 years an employe's right to bring claim under workmen's compensation, if nature of disability was not known.

Bill 73, S., to permit appeals from industrial commission orders in workmen's compensation cases to be in circuit court where employe resides, instead of Dane county circuit court.

Bill 306, S., to remove \$100 limit on attorney fee in undisputed workmen's compensation cases.

Bill 455, S., to permit apportionment of liability when disability results from two or more injuries or employer is insured by more than one company.

Bill 494, S., to require employers to provide chiropractic treatment to injured employes, upon request, under workmen's compensation.

Bill 42, A., to permit affidavits of prejudice against industrial commission examiners.

Bill 195, A., to extend from 2 to 6 years the period for claiming workmen's compensation benefits.

Bill 274, A., to provide that acquiring undulant fever while employed where exposure to such disease exists, is prima facie evidence that disease arose out of employment.

Bill 489, A., to permit appeals in workmen's compensation cases to be taken to circuit court where employe resides or injury occurred, instead of Dane county; to eliminate representation of commission by attorney general.

Bill 568, A., to liberalize definition of occupational deafness for workmen's compensation purposes.

LEGISLATURE AND LEGISLATION
BILLS

Enacted

Chapter 30 exempts retirement bills from the requirement of fiscal notes and provides that the reports of the joint survey committee on retirement systems should be printed in the same manner as amendments to bills in lieu of being printed in the legislative journals.

DISTRICTS

Enacted

Chapter 483 clarifies the boundaries of the 2 assembly districts in La Crosse county.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

Enacted

Chapter 59 provides a standardized method for making legislative appointments to interim committees, filling vacancies, and filling a record of appointments.

Chapter 675 transfers the \$4,000 appropriation for a boat study to the council's general administration appropriation.

LOBBYING

Enacted

Chapter 706 provides that any lobbyist who provides anything of value to a legislator, official, candidate for state office or state employe under certain circumstances is guilty of unprofessional conduct (subjecting him to suspension of license).

Defeated

Bill 52, S., to prohibit lobbyists from furnishing food or drinks to members of the legislature or other officials.

Bill 65, S., to prohibit lobbyists from furnishing entertainment, food or beverages to legislators.

Bill 70, A., to prohibit lobbyists from furnishing entertainment, food or beverages for legislators.

Bill 149, A., to prohibit lobbyists from furnishing entertainment, food and beverages to legislators or state officers.

Bill 367, A., to exempt local government units from lobbying licensing and other requirements.

PUBLICATIONS

Enacted

Chapter 125 makes various changes regarding printing of bills, resolutions, journals and other legislative materials in order to avoid waste and duplication, and facilitate legislative business.

REVISIONS AND CORRECTIONS

Enacted

Chapters 97, 610, 663, 672 and 699 are revisor's correction bills intended to correct errors, supply omissions, eliminate duplication and repeal conflicts in the statutes, resulting from 1955 and 1957 legislation.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Enacted

Chapter 1 extends for 2 years and increases from \$2 to \$3 per day the cost of living bonus for legislative employes.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES (Continued)

Enacted (Continued)

Chapter 4 provides that legislative employes shall be paid on the last working day of the month.

Chapter 377 increases from \$700 to \$1,000 the cost of living bonus for the senate and assembly sergeants at arms and chief clerks, for the 1957 session.

Chapter 394 provides for payment of actual expenses for meals and lodging of members of committee to visit state institutions, instead of a flat \$7 per day.

Chapter 492 increases from \$3 to \$5 per day the fee paid to clergymen serving as chaplains of the senate and assembly.

Chapter 513 provides for payment of the actual and necessary expenses of the speaker of the assembly and lieutenant governor in the performance of their duties.

Chapter 573 increases legislators' salaries from \$200 to \$300 per month effective for new terms only; and increases legislators' board and room allowance during sessions from \$100 to \$175 per month. Partial veto of interim expenses was sustained.

Chapter 662 granted cost of living bonus to chief clerks and sergeants at arms of \$500 for period from June 28 to sine die adjournment.

STATUTORY REVISION

Enacted

Chapter 312 authorizes governor to appoint 2 lawyers as uniform law commissioners and permits the revisor of statutes and chief of the legislative reference library to designate employes in their places; permits revisor to order printing of bills during legislative recess; authorizes director of purchases to sell 1950 annotations at reduced prices; and directs revisor to prepare a new edition of the annotations.

STUDIES

Enacted

Chapter 378 establishes an interim committee to study boating in Wisconsin, including safety, regulation, revenue and facilities. Bill 192, A., which was identical passed both houses but was vetoed.

Defeated

Bill 145, S., to create a committee on legislative organization and procedure to study legislative functions, interim activities, conflicts of interest, and staff services and continuity.

Bill 183, S., to create a local government tax study committee to study apportionment and distribution of state aids and shared taxes to local units.

Bill 396, S., to create a constitutional study commission to study state constitution and recommend revisions.

M I N O R S

DELINQUENTS

Enacted

Chapter 411 eliminates requirement that court and police records of offenders under 18 must be kept confidential with respect to traffic violations.

Defeated

Bill 38, A., to permit law violators under 18 to be taken into immediate custody.

Bill 256, A., to permit newspapers to reveal names of delinquents.

PROPERTY

Enacted

Chapter 467 creates a "Uniform Gifts to Minors" act, as approved by the national uniform laws commissioners; with provisions for gifts through life insurance, trustees, and various investment media; replaces a model act passed in 1955.

REGULATION

Enacted

Chapter 310 permits a child between 12 and 16 years old to hunt if accompanied by an adult designated by his parent or guardian.

TOBACCO

Defeated

Bill 64, S., to prohibit furnishing tobacco to minors under 18.
Bill 20, A., to prohibit selling cigarettes to minors under 16.

M O T O R V E H I C L E S
DEALERS AND MANUFACTURERS

Enacted

Chapter 477 prohibits certain practices in the sale of motor vehicles, including bushing, endless chain transactions and deceptive advertising.

INSURANCE

Enacted

Chapter 545 requires motor vehicle operator involved in an accident to file insurance information with accident report; department then notifies insurance company which must notify department within 30 days if proper coverage is not in effect; safety responsibility provisions are then invoked.

Defeated

Bill 255, S., to require liability insurance coverage for motor vehicles sold on installment contracts which require collision coverage.

Bill 364, S., to permit a child injured by negligent driving of parent to collect damages from parent if liability insurance is in effect.

Bill 339, A., to require liability insurance or proof of financial responsibility with respect to all motor vehicles.

Bill 490, A., to require prompt payment of damages by companies providing liability coverage, where the only issue is contribution between companies.

MOTOR CARRIERS

Enacted

Chapter 603 authorizes weighing of trucks for weight limitation enforcement by either single draft or multiple draft method.

OPERATORS

Enacted

Chapter 84 authorizes notice of injury in auto accident cases to be served on the motor vehicle commissioner when damage is claimed against a nonresident driver.

Chapter 178 authorizes writing of guaranteed bail bond certificates of automobile clubs and associations, up to \$200; provides that such certificate shall be accepted in courts of this state.

Chapter 238 requires an arresting officer, prosecuting attorney or judge to inform an accused traffic violator that a guilty plea will result in demerit points, and the number of such points requiring suspension of his license.

Chapter 292 provides mandatory jail sentence, for person driving after mandatory revocation of his driver's license, of 2 to 30 days for first, 60 days for second, and 180 days for subsequent convictions.

Chapter 295 eliminates the provision which requires revocation of a driver's license when he has been convicted of a traffic violation causing a personal injury.

Chapter 372 provides for special license plates for certain disabled veterans.

Chapter 416 provides for revocation of instruction permits of minors convicted of traffic violations; other related provisions.

OPERATORS (Continued)

Enacted

Chapter 475 provides penalties for operators of vehicles transporting waste on the highways and permitting it to spill.

Chapter 551 requires certain commercial drivers to obtain a chauffeurs license, exempting such persons from regular operator's license requirement while acting as a chauffeur. As a result such drivers may continue to drive as commercial drivers even though their regular license has been suspended on points.

Chapter 571 provides for deferring the revocation of a driver's license if an appeal is taken from the conviction on which the revocation is based. In such case the revocation period runs from the time the revocation becomes effective.

Chapter 594 authorizes the motor vehicle department to issue an operator's license after the expiration of the previous license; and provides that failure to receive a notice is no defense to operating without a license.

Chapter 684 integrates chapter 551 previously enacted into the motor vehicle code which was chapter 260, laws of 1957.

Defeated

Bill 80, S., to authorize motor vehicle department on request of county board to name 3 local officers as driver's license examiners.

Bill 81, S., to reduce from 16 to 14 the age for obtaining a license to operate a motor driven cycle.

Bill 232, S., to permit person losing driver's license for reckless driving to receive an occupational license.

Bill 276, S., to eliminate race designation on driver's license application.

Bill 464, S., to impose mandatory jail sentence of at least 5 days for drunken driving or 30 days for second offense.

Bill 522, S., to require photograph on drivers' licenses.

Bill 95, A., to require licensed drivers to pass test on first aid.

Bill 218, A., to permit drivers to retain licenses pending appeals of convictions.

Bill 343, A., to limit suspension of operators' licenses for nonpayment of judgment to 10 years.

Bill 419, A., to authorize motor vehicle department to consider out-of-state traffic violations in revoking drivers' licenses.

PARKING

Enacted

Chapter 214 prohibits parking on public property contrary to a posted sign thereon, and permits owners of public or private property to restrict such parking.

REGISTRATION

Enacted

Chapter 105 permits registration of certain building and highway construction vehicles at one-fourth of the regular fee.

Chapter 314 permits registration of privately owned school busses, used exclusively as such, for \$1.

Chapter 499 provides a special registration fee of \$10 for any truck on which a portable feed mill is mounted, used exclusively for such purpose.

REGISTRATION (Continued)

Enacted (Continued)

Chapter 518 revises and clarifies laws relating to truck tax reciprocity agreements, and limits such agreements to vehicles operating in interstate commerce.

Chapter 554 allows loan companies under discount loan law to obtain motor vehicle dealers license plates and operate repossessed vehicles with such plates attached.

Chapter 581 provides higher fees for vehicles weighing more than 68,000 pounds.

Chapter 589 permits registration of antique automobiles for \$5 per year.

Defeated

Bill 28, S., to create a reciprocity commission to enter agreements with other states concerning vehicle registration fees and equipment, in place of motor vehicle department.

Bill 554, S., to authorize municipalities to require local motor vehicle licensing with fees from \$10 to \$25, in addition to state licensing.

Bill 480, A., to increase from 10,000 to 15,000 pounds the weight of farm trucks registered for a \$10 fee.

Bill 491, A., to require reflectorized license plates for automobiles.

SAFETY AND TRAFFIC

Enacted

Chapter 223 gives certain right of way privileges to military convoys subject to specified limitations.

Chapter 260 revises the laws of the road and enacts a completely new motor vehicle code; the result of an interim study of motor vehicle laws. This was the major enactment in the field of motor vehicles. Chapter 674 incorporated into the motor vehicle code various amendments clarifying its provisions.

Chapter 262 provides that local traffic rules which conformed to the laws of the road before July 1, 1957 when the new motor vehicle code took effect, shall be considered to be in conformity with that code until September 15, 1957.

Chapter 282 requires that trailers drawn by vehicles be coupled so that they will not wobble or swing from side to side; and that stay chains or cables be used with certain trailers in case the hitch or coupling fails.

Chapter 432 authorizes use of a flashing amber signal light on vehicles used for rural mail delivery.

Chapter 469 eliminates requirement that a traffic officer be present when an overwidth mobile home is moved under a single trip permit.

Chapter 522 changes the effective dates of certain acts relating to the new motor vehicle code from July 1, 1958, to July 1, 1957, or the day after publication, whichever comes later.

Chapter 615 continues provisions of traffic laws relating to streetcars in effect until February 1, 1959 (otherwise repealed by chapter 260, laws of 1957).

Chapter 673 provides that state traffic inspectors have authority of traffic officers except for rules of the road.

Chapter 674 (See chapter 260)

SAFETY AND TRAFFIC (Continued)

Defeated

Bill 34, S., to redefine mufflers and provide conditions under which excessive noise violates the law.

Bill 284, S., to authorize traffic officers to remove unattended vehicles causing traffic obstructions.

Bill 419, S., to provide for county traffic patrols with payment of state aid; state-wide traffic co-ordinating committee; require officers to pass uniform qualifying examinations.

Bill 637, S., to give motor vehicle inspectors certain powers of state traffic officers and similar retirement privileges as state traffic officers.

Bill 663, S., which would have extended the deadline for existing local ordinances regulating traffic, was pocket vetoed.

Bill 156, A., to increase speed limit for trucks from 45 to 50.

Bill 428, A., to require pedestrians to walk on left side of highway.

Bill 432, A., to permit motor vehicles to have more than 2 headlamps.

Bill 612, A., to require safety belts in new passenger cars.

Bill 674, A., to provide mandatory imprisonment for persons driving more than 80 miles per hour at night or 85 miles per hour in the daytime.

Bill 712, A., to authorize motor vehicle department to acquire and use helicopter to direct traffic and patrol highways.

SIZE AND WEIGHT

Enacted

Chapter 54 authorizes the moving of overwidth farm tractors or machinery at certain hours, if prescribed signs and a pilot vehicle are used.

Chapter 250 permits load width of vehicles carrying concrete pipes or prefab house sections to be up to 8 feet 6 inches.

Chapter 471 permits operation of overwidth farm machinery on certain highways without a special permit under specified conditions.

Defeated

Bill 580, S., to exempt certain machinery from highway size, weight and load restrictions. (Vetoed)*

Bill 198, A., to increase from 26,000 to 28,000 pounds the weight on 2 or more axles on class A highways.

Bill 199, A., to increase the maximum weights for trucks on highways from 68,000 to 72,000 pounds. (Vetoed)*

Bill 200, A., to increase maximum height for vehicles from 12½ to 13½ feet.

M U N I C I P A L I T I E S A N D C O U N T I E S
AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS

Enacted

Chapter 642 provides that for purposes of liquidation of public housing projects, "obligations" includes bonds, notes and aids, grants, contributions and loans of or by the federal, state or local government.

ANNEXATION, DETACHMENT AND INCORPORATION

Enacted

Chapter 195 provides that there shall be no annexation of territory to the city of Milwaukee which would result in detaching more than 20 per cent of the equalized value of a school district, except under certain circumstances.

Chapter 217 provides that posting and publication is not needed in annexation proceedings if the petition is signed by the owners of all taxable property and all electors in the territory.

Chapter 538 provides that when territory is transferred from one governmental unit to another as a result of incorporation of a new city or village, apportionment of assets and liabilities shall be based on average assessed valuations for the preceding 5 years.

Chapter 676 revises the procedure for the annexation and detachment of territory by direct annexation or by referendum.

Defeated

Bill 5, S., to revise laws on incorporation, annexation, consolidation and detachment of municipal territory.

Bill 384, S., to repeal law allowing special incorporation procedure to towns adjacent to city of Milwaukee.

Bill 386, A., to provide special annexation procedure for territory adjacent to a city, with petition for referendum with voting by secret ballot.

Bill 703, A., to provide an alternative annexation procedure with petition signed by 25 per cent of the electors in territory and owners of 25 per cent of real estate; referendum to be held if city or village approves petition.

BORROWING

Enacted

Chapter 10 brings up to date certain references to borrowing power and municipalities in the statutes on municipal borrowing.

Chapter 17 permits counties to issue general obligation bonds to finance parking lots and structures, and use parking meter revenues for parking and street purposes.

Chapters 124 and 370 authorize temporary borrowing by counties for up to 10 years for current and long-term needs.

Chapter 207 validates municipal bonds, obligations and taxing power even if the legal existence of the municipality is questioned or is defective.

Chapter 305 provides for use of facsimile signatures on municipal bonds, including mortgage revenue bonds, for all but one signature.

Chapter 338 authorizes cities and villages to issue bonds to finance swimming pools and band shells.

Enacted (Continued)

Chapter 363 authorizes a municipality to include in an ordinance for issuance of revenue bonds any provision or covenant deemed necessary or desirable to improve marketability of the bonds or security of bondholders.

Defeated

Bill 132, S., to provide that actions questioning validity of incorporation of municipalities, and court determinations of invalidity or irregularity, shall not affect borrowing power of municipality nor rights of creditors or validity of tax levied to pay indebtedness.

CITIES

Enacted

Chapter 16 provides that the alternate member of a city zoning board of appeals may act when a regular member is absent.

Chapter 64 provides that an ordinance annexing territory to a city may temporarily designate the zoning classification of such territory, after being recommended by the plan commission.

Chapter 65 authorizes a city which has no zoning ordinance to enact an interim zoning ordinance to preserve existing uses while a zoning plan is being prepared.

Chapter 80 provides that certain changes in the number of aldermen of cities, and combining office of aldermen and supervisor, shall be by charter ordinance.

Chapter 240 provides for filling vacancies in the office of alderman in city manager cities in the same manner as for cities generally.

Chapter 606 gives the city of Madison jurisdiction over Lake Wingra, and includes said lake within the Madison city limits.

Defeated

Bill 25, S., to authorize city of Milwaukee to require certain officers and employes to reside in the city.

Bill 45, S., to repeal a 1955 act permitting liquidation and disposal of public housing projects.

Bill 92, S., to prohibit the city of Milwaukee from levying special benefit assessments for bridges or viaducts; or for parking lots against residential property; and permit appeal from assessments within 90 days instead of 20.

Bill 138, S., to permit the city of Milwaukee to lease parts of street for parking facilities.

Bill 175, S., to require a city sealer of weights and measures in cities over 20,000, instead of 5,000.

Bill 549, S., to permit cities granting zoning changes to restrict use of premises to a specific use.

Bill 191, A., to require public housing tenants to be state residents of at least 5 years.

Bill 444, A., to prevent city of Milwaukee from taking land by condemnation and devoting it to the same use as before, except for slum clearance and blighted area redevelopment.

CONTRACTS

Enacted

Chapter 27 provides that in letting public construction contracts, the city of Milwaukee may require a bidder to submit a list of certain subcontractors as determined by the city, rather than all subcontractors.

CONTRACTS (Continued)

Enacted (Continued)

Chapter 34 authorizes a county to pay for public work done in good faith before June 30, 1956, although no legal contract existed.

Chapter 177 limits village contracts which must be let to low bidder to public construction contracts for more than \$1,000 (formerly all contracts over \$500 for performance of work or furnishing materials).

Chapter 319 permits material suppliers and others not intending to bid directly to receive information on contracts without filing financial statements; and authorizes governing bodies to delegate duty of evaluating financial status, equipment and experience of bidders to a committee, board or employe.

Chapter 346 changes from mandatory to optional the provision for filing by bidders on public contracts of statements regarding financial ability, equipment and experience.

Chapter 669 extends to August 1, 1957 permission for a city or county to pay for public works done in good faith even though no legal obligation exists.

COUNTIES

Enacted

Chapter 15 increases from \$1.25 to \$2.50 per square foot the maximum annual rental charge to be paid by counties for the office space of the assessor of incomes and supervisor of assessments.

Chapter 82 authorizes each county not having a county library board to establish a county library committee to advise the county board on library facilities.

Chapter 103 increases the maximum compensation of county board members outside of Milwaukee from \$8 to \$16.

Chapter 119 provides that any member of a county park commission, except in Milwaukee county, may be a member of the county board.

Chapter 129 authorizes county boards to enact ordinances concerning keeping and controlling of dogs; and provides a fee of 15 cents for the local assessor and 10 cents for the treasurer for listing and collecting the tax on dogs.

Chapter 213 authorizes counties to establish parking areas on county land, and regulate parking therein.

Chapter 230 provides for destruction of certain obsolete public records, microfilming of certain records and using photographic copies in lieu of the original.

Chapter 256 authorizes counties to charge filing fees in proceedings to amend county zoning ordinances and appeals from zoning determinations.

Chapter 271 authorizes a county treasurer to appoint more than one deputy.

Chapter 422 authorizes counties to establish schedules of fees to be charged for filing petitions for amendment and notices of appeal in zoning matters.

Chapter 431 authorizes each county board to establish a co-operative extension service in agriculture and home economics in place of the county agricultural agent and his staff; provides for state aid.

Chapter 445 authorizes the county board, except in Milwaukee county, to establish an annual salary for board members and provide for additional per diem compensation if they attend more than 40 committee and board meetings.

Enacted (Continued)

Chapter 494 authorizes county boards by three-fourths vote of members elect to refer public construction questions to the people in advisory referendums.

Chapter 562 provides for a review of dismissal, suspension or demotion of deputy sheriffs, before a grievance committee, in counties not under civil service but under a merit system.

Chapter 604 permits any county owning an airport to obtain a class B liquor license at said airport (formerly Milwaukee county only).

Chapter 618 provides for payment of certain sheriff's fees in advance, if advance payment is approved by the county board; and increases various fees for the sheriff's services.

Defeated

Bill 17, S., to permit one member of county institution board of trustees to be a county board member.

Bill 55, S., to permit all county park commissioners to be county board members, instead of only one.

Bill 179, S., to increase sheriffs' fee.

Bill 423, S., to permit counties to establish a personnel system to provide uniform regulation and security of employment for county employes, on a basis other than statutory civil service.

Bill 188, A., to permit county boards to appropriate and borrow money to construct university extension centers.

Bill 216, A., to permit register of deeds to use alternative methods of recording instruments.

Bill 493, A., to repeal provisions of the law providing for county traffic departments.

Bill 669, A., to require that the Milwaukee county sheriff shall furnish police protection only in unincorporated areas.

FINANCE

Enacted

Chapter 246 authorizes investment of municipal funds in bonds or securities issued or guaranteed by agencies of the federal government.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY

Enacted

Chapter 24 changes the number of members of the Milwaukee county zoning board of appeals, from the same as the number of towns in which the zoning ordinance is in effect, to 3; and the terms are changed from 5 years to 1, 2 and 3 years.

Chapter 31 provides that the Milwaukee county medical examiner shall be appointed for an indefinite period under civil service, rather than for a 4-year term.

Chapter 92 creates the office of corporation counsel, independent of the district attorney, in Milwaukee county. Corporation counsel to be appointed by county board under civil service, and assistant corporation counsels to be appointed by him under civil service. (Corporation counsel in Milwaukee county formerly appointed by and subordinate to the district attorney on noncivil service basis.)

Chapter 340 permits Milwaukee county air pollution department to regulate emission of radioactive dusts.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY (Continued)

Defeated

Bill 159, S., to create a citizens study committee on Milwaukee county governmental problems.

Bill 190, S., to require establishment of a Milwaukee county metropolitan water utility.

Bill 424, S., to create a metropolitan land use authority in Milwaukee county to act as regional planning commission to enforce ordinances and regulations concerning master plan, to approve subdivision plats, determine location of streets, public schools, fire stations, water facilities, parks, sewers; and regulate subordinate governmental units.

OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES

Enacted

Chapter 47 authorizes a mayor or village president to attend county board meetings in the place of a supervisor who is unable to attend.

Chapter 110 eliminates a requirement that the official bond of county officers must be recorded in the office of the register of deeds.

Chapter 170 authorizes a part-time district attorney to serve as village or town attorney, or city attorney if the county has a population of less than 40,000.

Chapter 244 permits filing of claims for damage to domestic animals by dogs to be filed with town chairman or village supervisor rather than clerk; and requires such claims to be filed within 3 days, rather than 10 days in Milwaukee county and 2 days in other counties.

Chapter 442 permits a member of a town, village or county board or city council to be appointed by such board or council during his term to an office not created by the board or council during said term, if he first resigns from the board or council.

Chapter 480 extends through 1961 the authority of a local governing body to increase officials' salaries during their terms.

Defeated

Bill 537, A., to prohibit solicitation of funds by law enforcement officers, except for one event per year in which solicitation is limited to county where such event is held.

POWERS AND DUTIES

Enacted

Chapter 23 authorizes counties and towns to establish rural numbering systems for roads, homes, businesses and farms, to aid in fire protection and civil defense.

Chapter 98 authorizes cities and villages to acquire real estate by means other than condemnation for industrial sites; and borrow money for such purposes.

Chapter 116 removes a \$1,000 limit on the amount which a city, village or town may owe a county on open account for highway materials.

Chapter 182 authorizes a town, city or village to increase the dog license tax to cover dog control activities.

Chapter 184 provides a procedure whereby a county, city, town or village may be relieved from an impracticable condition of a gift or grant, pursuant to a recent constitutional amendment.

POWERS AND DUTIES (Continued)

Enacted (Continued)

Chapter 284 requires that jail attendants and matrons in county and city jails be provided at the expense of the county or city.

Chapter 337 changes from June 15 to May 15 the date for posting or publishing notices to destroy noxious weeds; permits one seed of secondary weeds in 35 grams instead of 50 grams of certain agricultural seeds, before labelling is required as to such weed seeds.

Chapter 539 gives municipalities and civil defense agencies special authority to take necessary actions and enter contracts in case of natural or man-made disaster or other public emergency.

Chapter 560 makes various corrective changes in laws relating to cities and villages; provides that time spent in a private nursing home does not count toward gaining or losing a legal settlement; and that ordinances take effect on the day after publication unless otherwise specified.

Chapter 570 provides a procedure whereby a county, city, town or village may be relieved of an impossible or impracticable condition upon a gift or grant of land, in accordance with a recent constitutional amendment.

Chapter 580 makes the owner of land or operator of mobile home park liable for parking fee established by local ordinance for mobile homes on such land or park.

Chapter 605 specifies the conditions under which the state or a municipality may be held liable for damages resulting from its operation of a motor vehicle.

Chapter 623 authorizes destruction after 2 years of municipal utility water stubs, billing receipts and customer ledgers.

Defeated

Bill 76, S., to permit appropriation of funds for wage increases by municipalities by a majority vote of the governing body, instead of two-thirds, under certain conditions after adoption of budget.

Bill 399, S., to require information on mineral deposits to be given to local municipalities, and permit them to make their own geological examinations. (Vetoed)*

Bill 427, S., to give counties authority to use parking meters; and to prohibit selling auto supplies and services other than parking at parking lots financed by parking meter revenues. (Vetoed)*

STUDIES

Enacted

Chapter 421 creates a metropolitan study commission to study the problems of local government in Milwaukee county during the period from 1957 to 1961.

Chapter 544 creates a governor's committee to study problems of urban expansion throughout the state except in Milwaukee county.

TOWNS

Enacted

Chapter 248 authorizes all towns to exercise all powers of villages except as they may conflict with town laws (formerly only certain towns could do so).

Chapter 311 provides that in a county containing a second class city no new towns with less than 36 sections shall be created, except by dividing a town which contains an unincorporated village.

TOWNS (Continued)

Enacted (Continued)

Chapter 324 prohibits reduction in salary of a town supervisor clerk, treasurer, assessor or constable during his term.

Chapter 576 requires that a town officer held personally liable for reimbursement of public funds paid out at the direction of the town meeting shall be reimbursed by the town.

VILLAGES

Enacted

Chapter 221 provides that proceedings of the village board in a village with no newspaper may be published in a newspaper with circulation in such village, posted in public or otherwise publicized as the board directs.

O C C U P A T I O N S A N D P R O F E S S I O N S

ARCHITECTS

Defeated

Bill 349, S., to provide that provisions for registration of architects and professional engineers apply only to those qualified to design safe places of employment and safe public buildings.

ATTORNEYS

Defeated

Bill 605, A., to prohibit use of deceased attorney's name by law firm after he has been dead for two years.

BAIT DEALERS

Enacted

Chapter 384 restricts issuance of bait dealers licenses to residents of this state; requires bait dealers to keep records of certain transactions; requires license for bait dealers selling less than \$500 worth of bait annually, except for children under 16.

BASIC SCIENCES

Enacted

Chapter 313 eliminates requirement that basic science and chiropodist certificates must be recorded in county clerk's office.

CHIROPODISTS

Enacted

Chapter 481 changes the annual license renewal fee for chiropodists from \$3 to not to exceed \$5 as set by the board of medical examiners.

CHIROPRACTORS

Enacted

Chapter 93 provides that it is unprofessional conduct for a chiropractor to unreasonably refuse to permit inspection of his office and equipment by board of examiners or its investigator.

Defeated

Bill 86, S., to prohibit chiropractors from disposing privileged information obtained from patients.

Bill 123, S., to authorize licensing of chiropractors licensed in other states with requirements equal to those of Wisconsin.

COLLECTION LETTER SERVICES

Defeated

Bill 471, S., to require licensing and regulation of collection letter services.

DENTISTS

Enacted

Chapter 228 authorizes the board of dental examiners to accept the certificate of the national board of dental examiners in whole or in part, in lieu of its own examination.

DRIVING INSTRUCTORS

Enacted

Chapter 396 requires commercial driving schools to be licensed by the motor vehicle commission. Requires instructors to pass an examination.

GUIDES

Enacted

Chapter 165 requires licensing of hunting and fishing guides by the conservation commission beginning in 1958.

HYDROTHERAPISTS

Enacted

Chapter 166 broadens provision permitting persons to continue practicing hydrotherapy and massage if so engaged before licensing was required.

INSURANCE AGENTS

Defeated

Bill 253, S., to require life insurance agents to be high school graduates with 2 years of college or equivalent.

LIVESTOCK AUCTIONEERS

Defeated

Bill 297, S., to require auctioneers to be examined and licensed.

MILK WEIGHERS AND SAMPLERS

Enacted

Chapter 548 requires milk weighers and samplers receiving milk from bulk tanks on farms to be licensed by the state department of agriculture, after paying a fee and passing an examination.

MOTOR VEHICLE AUCTION DEALERS

Enacted

Chapter 354 requires that motor vehicle auction dealers be licensed by the motor vehicle department on payment of annual fee of \$50; must be bonded and of good character; other provisions.

MOTOR VEHICLE SALESMEN

Enacted

Chapter 307 requires a new applicant for a motor vehicle salesman's license to take an examination; also renewal applicant if commissioner deems necessary.

OPTOMETRISTS

Enacted

Chapter 268 changes annual license fee for optometrists from \$10 to not to exceed \$25 (\$35 for late registrants), as set by the optometry board; and increases compensation of board members from \$10 to \$15 per day.

PARAKEET DEALERS

Defeated

Bill 216, S., to require registration and inspection of persons breeding, raising or dealing in parakeets.

PEDDLERS

Enacted

Chapter 189 was defectively drafted and was replaced by chapter 630.

Chapter 630 requires granting of a free peddler's license to any person disabled by loss of an arm or a leg.

PHARMACISTS

Enacted

Chapter 68 permits a registered assistant pharmacist, authorized to operate a drug store in a town, village or city with a population under 500, to continue to operate such store even if the population increases to more than 500.

Chapter 81 permits credit for out of state experience for a pharmacy internship.

Chapter 701 increased the fees for registration of pharmacists and drug stores about 100 per cent.

PHYSICIANS

Enacted

Chapter 424 provides for special licensing and examination of physicians who are graduates of foreign medical schools which are not approved or recognized by the board of medical examiners.

Chapter 482 changes maximum annual registration fee for physicians from \$3 to \$5.

PLUMBERS

Defeated

Bill 688, A., to require licensing of plumbers throughout the state.

REAL ESTATE BROKERS

Enacted

Chapter 159 provides for special real estate brokers' and salesmen's licenses for cemeteries and salesmen of cemetery lots under the real estate brokers' law.

Defeated

Bill 319, S., to exempt from real estate license builders of homes and home owners represented at closing of real estate transaction by attorney or broker.

Bill 468, S., to prohibit net listing contracts, to allow suspension of licenses for making false statements or for improper supervision of salesmen by broker.

Bill 733, A., to require applicants for broker's license to have one year experience as real estate salesman or equivalent experience, or 4 years of college with specialization in real estate.

SANITARIANS

Enacted

Chapter 530 provides for examination and registration of sanitarians, who are engaged in educational and inspectional activities in the field of sanitation; establishes an examining committee, registration fee, revocation procedure and penalty for using initials "R.S." or holding out as a sanitarian unless registered.

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SAVINGS SERVICE CORPORATIONS

Defeated

Bill 603, S., to require licensing and regulation of savings service corporation engaged in savings budget contracting.

WATCHMAKERS

Defeated

Bill 666, A., to repeal laws requiring registration and examination of watchmakers.

P U B L I C H E A L T H

DISEASE CONTROL

Enacted

Chapter 393 requires school employes to take periodic health examinations, including TB tests.

HOSPITALS

Enacted

Chapter 414 provides that maintenance in county TB sanatoriums includes expenses of treatment including surgery performed outside the institution.

Defeated

Bill 246, S., to require state board of health to establish standards for emergency hospital facilities in Milwaukee county.

Bill 474, A., to require all hospitals to give emergency treatment to injured persons.

LOCAL HEALTH FUNCTIONS

Enacted

Chapter 113 permits a city to dispense with the board of health and vest its duties in a full-time health officer, appointed by the mayor; such officer to be a physician or person trained in public health administration.

Chapter 698 amended the provisions of chapter 526 to clarify certain dates in the procedure for providing state aids for TB patients in local institutions.

MENTAL HEALTH

Defeated

Bill 806, A., to provide free care for mental patients.

REGULATION

Enacted

Chapter 115 exempts churches and other groups from restaurant license requirement.

Defeated

Bill 323, S., to authorize industrial commission to order elimination of unusual noises or vibrations affecting health of residents near places of employment.

SANITATION AND SEWAGE

Enacted

Chapter 86 requires septic tank and grease trap cleaners to be licensed and regulated by the state board of health.

Chapter 253 authorizes the city of Milwaukee sewerage commission to build and operate pumping stations and tunnels to flush rivers in the sewerage district.

Chapter 289 authorizes commissioners of sewage districts, state board of health, and state water pollution committee to conduct research on sewage treatment and disposal, effect on receiving streams, to find an economical and practical process.

Chapter 309 authorizes the Milwaukee county metropolitan sewerage commission to adopt rules in the manner prescribed for the city of Milwaukee sewerage commission.

SANITATION AND SEWAGE (Continued)

Enacted (Continued)

Chapter 328 revises law on Milwaukee county waste disposal facilities; authorizes Milwaukee County to construct and operate incinerator facilities to burn waste or refuse and make charges therefor; and to levy taxes and issue bonds for such purposes.

Chapter 336 revises law concerning rule-making powers of the city of Milwaukee sewerage commission; authorizes commission to make rules jointly with the Milwaukee county metropolitan sewerage commission on use and management of system; authorizes rules prohibiting discharge of certain wastes, and other matters, such rules to control over conflicting local ordinances.

Defeated

Bill 402, A., to require Madison metropolitan sewerage district to retain effluent in settling basins to remove solids and algae before discharging into stream or drain.

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

Enacted

Chapter 546 requires doctors to report names of persons with venereal disease; requires migrant labor camps to be certified by state board of health; other provisions.

VITAL STATISTICS

Enacted

Chapter 62 clarifies provisions of the statutes as to who may sign death certificates.

P U B L I C S A F E T Y

BUILDINGS

Enacted

Chapter 120 eliminates liability of architects from liability under the safe place statute.

Chapter 342 includes exterior parts of buildings, such as porches, steps and platforms under the safe place statute.

CIVIL DEFENSE

Enacted

Chapter 680 authorizes local boards of public utilities or public works and county civil defense committees or highway committees to declare a public emergency in case of attack or natural disaster and to take steps to meet the emergency. It authorizes the state civil defense office to co-operate with and co-ordinate the activities of such agencies in case of attack or natural disaster.

FIRE PROTECTION

Enacted

Chapter 453 provides for training schools for firemen to be financed by the state and conducted by the state board of vocational and adult education.

FIREWORKS

Enacted

Chapter 265 authorizes the sale of sparklers and toy snakes.

P U B L I C U T I L I T I E S

MUNICIPAL

Enacted

Chapter 420 provides that income from municipal utility be used to pay principal and interest on bonds before providing for depreciation; that depreciation funds may be used for payment of bond principal and interest and maintenance of bond redemption fund before using for depreciation.

REGULATION AND ADMINISTRATION

Enacted

Chapter 334 provides that the location of a domestic utility, for mortgage recording purposes, shall be the registered office for a corporation; principal office or registered agent for a co-operative; location designated in articles for others. Authorizes certain foreign utilities to designate location of its registered office for mortgage recording purposes.

Chapter 649 provides that accident reports by public utilities shall be filed in accordance with rules of the public service commission; such reports to be for the use and information of the commission only and not to prejudice the company filing the report.

Defeated

Bill 143, S., to require public utility construction and supply contracts exceeding \$500 to be let by contract to lowest bidder, in same manner as municipal contracts.

Bill 180, A., to permit suspension of proposed rate decreases filed with public service commission beyond 4 months.

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Enacted

Chapter 135 eliminates conflicting and obsolete provisions concerning navigable waters and railroads, at the suggestion of the public service commission.

Chapter 191 requires approval of the industrial commission after hearing before removal of industrial spur tracks, except those built before June 16, 1925, at the expense of the railroad.

Chapter 497 provides that the owner of a broadcasting station is not liable for defamatory statements by political candidates when such owner is prohibited by law from censoring the candidate's script.

Chapter 602 provides that rules and regulations are deemed part of a motor vehicle tariff if reference is made therein to tariffs containing rules and regulations.

Chapter 637 provides that the public service commission shall require removal of poles and other structures by an electric or telephone utility granted permission to abandon a right of way; and require such utility to dispose of right of way in rural area within 3 years.

Defeated

Bill 168, S., to require railroads abandoning facilities to protect employment status of employes.

Bill 463, S., to apply the "full crew" law to trains propelled by electricity. (Vetoed)*

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION (Continued)

Defeated (Continued)

Bill 500, S., to prohibit railroads from reducing shop or terminal activities without approval of public service commission.

Bill 505, A., to require public service commission to consider same factors in granting contract motor carrier permits as in granting common carrier permits. (Vetoed)*

Bill 706, A., to require railroads to provide shelter and facilities for employes.

P U B L I C W E L F A R E

INSTITUTIONS

Enacted

Chapter 26 authorizes inclusion on a permanent basis of depreciation charges in per capita costs of county hospitals caring for tuberculous mental patients.

Chapter 91 gives the department of public welfare discretion to discontinue operation of the binder twine factory at the state prison.

Chapter 171 prohibits helping an inmate to escape from a mental institution.

Chapter 202 provides for inspection of county institutional buildings by the state department of public welfare annually or oftener, instead of semiannually.

Chapter 299 authorizes placement of patients of county hospitals in family boarding homes with approval of state department of public welfare, without loss of state aid.

Chapter 361 requires judge committing a mental or TB patient to notify county of legal settlement, or committing county will be liable. Requires county improperly charged to apply for relief within 2 years.

Chapter 389 directs the state auditor to prepare a uniform cost accounting system for the state mental hospitals.

Chapter 398 allows Milwaukee county to pay inmates at county institutions a work allowance; not to be included in computing per capita cost.

Chapter 526 provides for closing of the state tuberculosis sanatorium and camp and transferring the patients to county and private institutions, increasing state aid to such institutions; provides for establishing a uniform cost record accounting system for the county tuberculosis institutions; transfers the physical properties of the sanatorium and camp to the state department of public welfare and provides for their use as part of the state school for boys.

Chapter 645 increases maximum liability of parents or patients for care at state colonies and training schools from \$40 to \$60 per month.

Chapter 681 appropriates \$258,000 for hiring additional staff at northern and southern colonies, \$14,000 for remodelling facilities at them and clarifies the use of certain facilities at the child center for an annex to the northern colony.

Defeated

Bill 326, S., to repeal authority for construction of school for boys in Kettle Moraine Forest.

JUVENILES

Enacted

Chapter 38 corrects the children's and criminal code to make it clear that prosecutions for contributing to the delinquency or neglect of a minor are in the discretion of the district attorney and can be commenced even if not referred to him by the juvenile judge.

Chapter 76 provides an effective date for a 1955 act authorizing an interstate compact on juveniles.

Chapter 140 authorizes taking a child into immediate custody on a court order when child's welfare requires removal from existing custody.

JUVENILES (Continued)

Enacted (Continued)

Chapter 374 provides that state aid for child welfare services shall be paid to counties regardless of the type of court service used; that appeals from juvenile court to circuit court shall be on the record made in juvenile court; that persons performing juvenile court services may petition in proceedings to place child in a foster home; other provisions.

Chapter 665 provides that aids to dependent children paid to a nonrelative who has a foster home license may be given for a child under one year of age without regard to other residence requirements.

Chapter 696 appropriates \$12,000 for 1957-58 and \$30,000 for 1958-59 to the department of public welfare to study causes and methods of prevention and treatment of juvenile delinquency, mental illness and related problems and to establish demonstration projects.

Defeated Bill 273, S., to create legislative council committee to study programs for children and youth.

Bill 510, S., to create legislative interim committee to study functions and programs of state school for boys.

Bill 486 A., to establish a treatment center for emotionally disturbed children.

Bill 649, A., to provide that aids to counties for child welfare services shall not be affected by the type of agency providing such services.

MENTAL HEALTH

Enacted

Chapter 613 creates a committee of the legislative council to study mental health problems and children and youth programs.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Enacted

Chapter 155 provides that a person's legal settlement shall not change while he resides in a licensed nursing home.

Chapter 163 provides for penalties for persons who fail to notify authorities of a change in circumstances on which public assistance payments are based.

Chapter 167 changes from 48 hours to 7 days the period for notifying municipal or county welfare authorities that emergency medical care has been provided to an indigent, in order to establish liability for such care.

Chapter 190 requires a year's residence in this state in order to be eligible for relief or aid to dependent children, except emergency relief.

Chapter 218 provides that statements made under oath by assistance recipients shall be prima facie evidence against such person in an action to enforce the public assistance laws.

Chapter 220 clarifies the designation of the welfare official to be notified by a welfare recipient when there is a change in the circumstances on which aid was based.

Chapter 234 supplements certain appropriations for welfare and hospital aids for the 1956-1957 fiscal year.

Chapter 261 authorizes the department of public welfare to make medical payments to aid recipients by money payment or vendor payment, to obtain maximum federal aid.

Chapter 280 authorizes assignment of right to alimony or support money to welfare agency by recipient of aid, so that such agency may enforce payment.

Enacted (Continued)

Chapter 366 provides that payment of funeral expenses up to \$150 shall be paid for recipients of aid to blind, disabled and dependent children, exclusive of cemetery charges of \$35.

Chapter 399 makes an interest in joint tenancy of a decedent subject to claims for public assistance received by decedent; and prohibits termination of joint tenancy until such debts are paid.

Chapter 413 provides that persons receiving blind, disabled, or old-age assistance who reside in certain types of homes or institutions, who move to another county and within 6 months enter a similar home or institution, shall receive such assistance from the county from which they moved or which was paying aid at the time of the move.

Chapter 425 authorizes allowance of up to \$300 funeral expenses as prior lien against real estate of old-age assistance recipient, instead of lumping funeral expenses with administration costs and medical expenses; with proportionate reduction in case value of property is insufficient.

Chapter 433 permits counties to pay taxes on property against which they have an old-age assistance lien on file.

Chapter 496 clarifies nature of residence in a municipality required to gain a legal settlement for relief purposes.

Chapter 591 increases penalties for obtaining public assistance through false representations.

Chapter 592 provides for aid to dependent children, with respect to children between 16 and 18 years of age, even though not attending school.

Chapter 611 provides that the 35 per cent state aid to counties for medical care to categorical aid recipients shall include federal aid instead of being in addition to federal aid.

Chapter 616 provides state aid to counties for children in a county children's home; requires counties to pay one-half cost of care of children placed in foster homes by the state; increases state aid for care of children in foster home by nonrelative; appropriates additional funds for aid to dependent children.

Chapter 621 authorizes payment of aid to dependent children where child resides with a first cousin, nephew or niece.

Defeated

Bill 66, S., to liberalize requirements for aid to permanently disabled.

Bill 201, S., to prohibit Milwaukee county from granting cash relief to relief recipient, unless he has legal settlement in county and 3 years residence.

Bill 267, S., to permit a child or person with custody of child to be eligible for aid to dependent children, or persons to be eligible for aid to disabled, although such child or person has up to \$500 in cash for emergency use.

Bill 268, S., to permit assignment to welfare department of support money received under divorce judgment for benefit of child being supported.

Bill 341, S., to close public assistance rolls to inspection to anyone except certain designated officials and persons.

Bill 478, S., to authorize county welfare departments to provide chiropractic care to categorical aid recipients.

Bill 254, A., to permit public assistance recipients to receive aid for chiropractic care.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (Continued)

Defeated (Continued)

Bill 286, A., required authorities administering aid to dependent children to report to law enforcement authorities any morals offenses by recipients of such aid. (Vetoed)*

Bill 621, A., to remove maximum limits on aid to blind, old-age assistance and aid to disabled.

Bill 675, A., to repeal law requiring relatives to support public assistance recipients.

Bill 698, A., to provide that support money ordered paid in a divorce action shall be considered income in determining aid to dependent children, whether such support money is actually paid or not.

REHABILITATION

Enacted

Chapter 400 prohibits sale of blind-made products unless there is attached a label issued by the department of public welfare; such products to be the result of work by blind persons to the extent of 75 per cent or more.

Chapter 515 authorizes custodian of state buildings to permit blind operators of concession stands to install vending machines in other locations in such buildings; authorizes such concession in Wisconsin general hospital.

Chapter 628 increases the appropriation to the state board of vocational and adult education to provide for vocational rehabilitation of handicapped persons.

Defeated

Bill 506, A., to create a geriatrics division in the department of public welfare to co-ordinate plans and activities relating to problems of the aged.

R E A L E S T A T E A N D P E R S O N A L P R O P E R T Y

CEMETERIES

Enacted

Chapter 75 provides that mausoleums may not be used until a maintenance fund has been established.

Defeated

Bill 493, S., to require at least 10 per cent land owners in town to sign petition to transfer abandoned cemetery to the town; to require cemetery associations to establish perpetual care funds.

CONDEMNATION

Enacted

Chapter 597 revises provisions relating to taking land by eminent domain proceedings.

Defeated

Bill 375, S., to revise law concerning land acquisition by eminent domain for highways and gravel pits.

EXEMPTIONS

Enacted

Chapter 301 provides that a homestead exemption for land owned by a husband and wife may be claimed by either of them or divided between them in any proportion, but not exceeding \$5,000 for both together.

INCOME

Enacted

Chapter 300 is a uniform principal and income act intended to make clear what is principal and what is income under various circumstances, for different types of real and personal property.

LANDLORD AND TENANT

Enacted

Chapter 427 permits service of notice to terminate tenancy by registered or certified mail.

PLATS

Enacted

Chapter 88 makes various changes in the platting code which was revised in 1955.

Chapter 237 requires that lots in a recorded subdivision plat be described by the plat name, lot and block for all purposes.

Chapter 245 authorizes the circuit court to vacate land in a town platted as a playground if never used as such and too small for such use.

Chapter 567 eliminates requirements for surveyors establishing certain corners in subdividing quarter sections; requires surveyor to observe U.S. laws and regulations.

Chapter 579 requires the seller of subdivided land to provide a right of way from each parcel sold to a public highway.

Chapter 599 makes various minor changes in the real estate platting code, concerning approval of subdivision plats.

RECORDING AND FILING

Enacted

Chapter 70 requires that legal instruments affecting title to real estate include the name of the draftsman.

Chapter 146 provides for a uniform authenticating certificate for acknowledgments taken outside the state and authorizes facsimile signatures on such certificates.

Chapter 164 prohibits a purchaser of Indian land or land newly on tax roll from cutting forest products on such land without first recording deed or other title instrument.

Chapter 194 amends a provision relating to recordability of instruments to include all types of acknowledgments.

Chapter 215 authorizes the register of deeds to contract to furnish copies of complete daily instruments concerning real estate, with approval of the county board.

Chapter 226 provides that when the provision requiring extra fees for recording nonstandard forms is in conflict with any other provision of the statutes the former shall prevail.

Chapter 558 makes an appropriate recorded affidavit prima facie evidence of corporate authority to convey real estate.

RIGHTS

Enacted

Chapter 112 permits notice in proceedings to divide a partition fence to be sent by registered mail to a party who does not live in Wisconsin, rather than in the manner a summons is served.

Chapter 210 gives a husband curtesy in lands owned by his wife upon her death, regardless of any provision of the wife's last will.

Chapter 541 increases from \$150 the amount of a mechanics lien not subject to a prior mortgage or lien, to \$200 for cars, \$300 for trucks and \$500 for road tractors.

Chapter 559 authorizes filing of an effective claim for mechanics lien even though the owner or contracting party has died.

Chapter 705 changes the effective date of chapter 210 to July 1, 1959.

Defeated

Bill 416, S., defines dower and relates to the condition of descent of property.

Bill 53, A., to revise laws relating to loss of property and stray animals.

SALES

Enacted

Chapter 173 authorizes sale of real estate by party to whom it is awarded in a divorce judgment without proceedings to authorize sale, if such sale was authorized in divorce judgment or both parties join in the conveyance.

Defeated

Bill 114, S., to increase from 3 to 5 years the effective period of original filing of conditional sales contracts.

Bill 115, S., to increase from 3 to 5 years the effective period of original filing of chattel mortgages.

TAX DEEDS, LIENS AND CERTIFICATES

Enacted

Chapter 151 preserves income and gift tax liens on real estate owned in joint tenancy upon the death of the joint tenant owing such taxes.

Defeated

Bill 436, S., to vest mineral rights in grantee of a tax deed.

TITLES

Enacted

Chapter 664 amended chapter 399 which provided that assets of joint tenants were liable for payments of public relief applies only to relief furnished by Milwaukee County.

Defeated

Bill No. 173, S., to require certified copy of affidavit on adverse possession to be served within 10 days after recording on owner or occupant of real estate.

R E T I R E M E N T
ADMINISTRATION

Enacted

Chapter 355 clarifies types of bills to be considered by the joint survey committee on retirement systems and employment of staff by the committee; requires retirement systems to file certain reports; provides means of determining disputed eligibility questions between Wisconsin retirement fund and state teachers retirement system; provides for mandatory retirement of state civil service employes who are members of the state teachers retirement system; other provisions.

CONSERVATION WARDENS

Enacted

Chapter 588 removes the \$350 per month limit on which contributions and benefits are based under the conservation wardens pension fund, and improved certain death benefit provisions.

Chapter 660 provided additional municipal credits of 2 per cent of participating earnings for conservation wardens and other enforcement agencies. Directs joint survey committee to study adequacy of contribution rates and age provisions for employes in hazardous occupations.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS

Enacted

Chapter 607 requires the state teachers retirement system, Milwaukee teachers retirement fund, and Wisconsin retirement fund to file reports with the state investment board of the value of investments of each fund.

MILWAUKEE AND MILWAUKEE COUNTY

Enacted

Chapter 326 improves disability benefits, vested rights and optional annuities, and authorizes trustees to be beneficiaries under the Milwaukee county employes retirement system.

Chapter 534 provides that under the Milwaukee county employes' retirement system:

1. Authorized overtime would count toward benefits and contributions.
2. If part of compensation is received from county and part from another source, only that portion received from the county would count toward benefits.
3. Other provisions.

Chapter 658 provided for combined coverage for Milwaukee county employes under their retirement system and OASI retroactive to January 1, 1956 which plan is optional with present members and mandatory for future members.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Enacted

Chapter 79 provides that state and municipal employes will have OASI coverage during their Wisconsin retirement fund qualification period (6 months continuous or 12 months total service).

Chapter 331 eliminates a provision which excludes state and local employes from social security (OASI) coverage if their duties normally require less than 600 hours of service per year, except in certain cases.

STUDIES

Enacted

Chapter 627 continues the governor's retirement study commission for the 1957-59 biennium; reduces membership from 22 to 12; directs study of special problems of law enforcement and firefighting personnel; combination of retirement systems and other problems.

TEACHERS

Enacted

Chapter 12 provides for dividing the state teachers retirement system into 2 groups, one composed of persons who desire social security (OASI) coverage and one of those who do not desire such coverage. The group without OASI will have new contribution and benefit rates. Numerous other provisions.

Chapter 78 provides for dividing the Milwaukee teachers retirement fund into 2 groups, one composed of persons who desire social security (OASI) coverage and one of those who do not desire such coverage. The group without OASI will have new contribution and benefit formulas. Numerous other provisions.

Chapter 150 authorizes application of state deposit accumulations of \$1,500 or less under the state teachers retirement system to the purchase of an annuity at the member's option, instead of being paid in a lump sum.

Chapter 168 provides that a person receiving a quarterly annuity under the state teachers retirement system may elect to receive such annuity on a monthly basis.

Chapter 322 authorizes members of the combined group of the Milwaukee teachers retirement fund to participate in a variable annuity plan, based on (1) investment of one-half the contributions in common stocks and other equities and (2) payment of annuities which vary according to changes in the value and earnings of the investments. The plan is optional with each member.

Chapter 376 provides for payment of additional benefits for retired teachers who retired before 1952, including those who were on the emergency substitute teachers roster.

Chapter 423 authorizes members of the state teachers retirement system to participate in a variable annuity plan, based on (1) investment of one-half the contributions in equities, and (2) payment of annuities which vary according to changes in the value and earnings of the investments. The plan is optional with each member.

Chapter 430 transfers the investment functions of the board of trustees of the Milwaukee teachers retirement fund to the state investment board.

Chapter 529 permits certain continuous substitute teachers to become members of the Milwaukee teachers retirement fund.

Chapter 533 makes various corrections in the retirement statutes required as the result of enactments during this session.

Chapter 542 makes certain teachers of instrumental music eligible for the Milwaukee teachers retirement fund.

Chapter 549 provides for additional benefits for certain retired teachers under the Milwaukee teachers retirement fund.

Chapter 636 grants credit for up to 4 years of military service for all purposes under the state teachers retirement system.

Chapter 692 relates to the computation of credit for teaching experience and the adjustment of benefits for teachers who received their benefits under the substitute roster.

Enacted (Continued)

Chapter 702 eliminates additional benefits in case that annuitant is already receiving additional annuities and establishing the age at which eligible.

Defeated

Bill 679, A., to improve death benefits under Milwaukee teachers retirement fund.

WISCONSIN RETIREMENT FUND

Enacted

Chapter 60 clarifies various provisions of the Wisconsin retirement fund law.

Chapter 83 makes these changes in the Wisconsin retirement fund law:

(a) Eliminates a gap in coverage when a former employe returns to work.

(b) Changes provisions on termination of employment so that employes on an inactive status, such as seasonal employes, may still qualify for the full death benefit.

(c) Provides that the 5-year qualifying period for the full death benefit does not apply if death is service connected.

(d) Provides a new option for death benefit annuities of widows at no additional cost.

(e) Permits the board to grant annuities in additional optional forms.

Chapter 126 increases general contribution rate under Wisconsin retirement fund from 3 per cent to 4 per cent (optional for local units of government); and removes \$4,200 limit on which contributions and benefits are based.

Chapter 179 modifies maximum benefit limits under the Wisconsin retirement fund; eliminates a provision which prevents mandatory retirement if member's annuity would be less than 25 per cent of final pay; and eliminates a reduction in annuity if a member continues to work after age 65.

Chapter 379 provides prior service credits under the Wisconsin retirement fund for circuit and supreme court judges for services in municipal and inferior courts.

Chapter 381 authorizes members of the Wisconsin retirement fund to participate in a variable annuity plan based on (1) investment of up to one-half the contributions in equities, and (2) payment of annuities which vary according to changes in the value and earnings of the investments. The plan is optional with each member.

Chapter 387 requires that a designation of a beneficiary under the Wisconsin retirement fund, made by a guardian, must be approved by a court order.

Chapter 388 validates the inclusion under the Wisconsin retirement fund of certain elective officers who had previously been participating employes in other capacities, but neglected to file elections to be included upon taking elective office.

Chapter 527 requires circuit judges and supreme court justices to be included under the Wisconsin retirement fund (formerly optional); validates coverage for judge who neglected to file an election to come under the fund.

WISCONSIN RETIREMENT FUND (Continued)

Enacted (Continued)

Chapter 550 reduces from 65 to 60 the compulsory retirement age for law enforcement and firefighting personnel under the Wisconsin retirement fund; and grants certain prior service credits in some cases; optional for counties.

Chapter 617 makes legislators and other elected state officials eligible for coverage under the Wisconsin retirement fund on an optional basis.

Chapter 660 increases the employer contributions to the Wisconsin retirement fund by 2 per cent of the salaries of firemen and law enforcement officers, from January 1958 to July 1959; to direct a study of the adequacy of present contributions for such employes. Veto overridden.

Chapter 668 clarifies the provisions of chapter 617 which permits legislator to come under the Wisconsin retirement fund by providing that he retire at the end of his term after reaching 65 except that election or re-election after that age shall extend his period of service.

Chapter 695 establishes procedures and causes for exclusion of person from membership in the funds.

Defeated

Bill 237, S., to provide for referendum on bringing county employes under Wisconsin retirement fund in counties which have not done so.

Bill 240, S., to provide that separation benefits may be paid in a lump sum if the annuity is less than \$20 instead of \$10.

Bill 324, S., to allow municipalities to have prior service credits of employes recomputed on basis of current salary levels.

Bill 654, S., relating to prior service credits for judges under the Wisconsin retirement fund was pocket vetoed.

Bill 162, A., to permit the city of Waukesha to exclude certain employes from the Wisconsin retirement fund. (Vetoed)*

Bill 790, A., to authorize counties to contribute an additional 2 per cent of the salary of county law enforcement officers to the Wisconsin retirement fund (similar to Bill No. 74, S.). (Vetoed)*

OTHER LEGISLATION

Enacted

Chapter 690 is a correction act intended to correct some of the prior measures relating to this subject.

S T A T E G O V E R N M E N T

AERONAUTICS

Enacted

Chapter 315 authorizes the aeronautics commission to acquire land for airport improvement and sell land with reservations as to future use; and authorizes state departments to convey land to aeronautics commission.

Chapter 704 makes an additional appropriation to the aeronautics commission for administration and state aid for airports. The latter appropriation was deleted from the executive budget.

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

Enacted

Chapter 5 makes deficiency appropriations to the legislature and the departments of agriculture, public instruction and public welfare.

Chapter 8 appropriates money received by the commissioners of public lands, from the federal government for leases under the 1954 flood control act, to be paid to the counties where the land is located.

Chapter 53 makes various changes in the state's accounting, pre-auditing and budgeting processes; requires that books be closed on August 15 instead of August 31, and that annual fiscal report be published on October 15 instead of October 1; other provisions.

Chapter 259 is the general fund executive budget bill for the 1957-1959 biennium, making appropriations for general state operations.

Chapter 456 is the 1957-1959 budget bill for miscellaneous state segregated funds.

Chapter 521 appropriates \$3,000 for 1957-58 and \$1,000 for 1958-59 to the Wisconsin state horticultural society (formerly \$8,500 per year).

Chapter 585 provides funds for state airport aids and administration of the state aeronautics commission for the 1957-59 biennium.

Chapter 587 appropriates additional funds to give state employes a pay increase in accordance with the compensation plan adopted by the joint committee on finance.

Chapter 652 constitutes the state highway fund budget for 1957-59.

Chapter 653 is the conservation fund budget act.

Defeated

Bill 574, S., to restore appropriation to state athletic commission, omitted in budget bill.

Bill 641, S., to increase the appropriation for the southern colony for additional positions, and expanded facilities was indefinitely postponed.

Bill 260, A., to prohibit emergency board from acting on proposal considered and rejected by the legislature.

Bill 769, A., to cut welfare appropriations by \$2,600,000 for 1957-59 biennium.

Bill 774, A., to discontinue appropriation to state building and trust fund for 1957-59 biennium.

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS (Continued)

Defeated (Continued)

Bill 781, A., to restore to the executive budget bill appropriations reduced or omitted by joint committee on finance for airport aids, animal disease eradication, athletic commission, institutional operations, state colleges, university and educational television.

Bill 815, A., to provide that appropriation to state building trust fund shall be made only if state financial balances will not be impaired.

BUILDINGS AND BUILDING CORPORATIONS

Enacted

Chapter 504 authorizes state building corporations to refinance existing indebtedness on state, university and state college buildings.

Chapter 519 authorizes the state investment board to loan assets of the state building trust fund to the state, university and state college building corporations.

Chapter 620 eliminates a provision which allows the state public building corporation to mortgage interests in land and buildings as security for loans from state investment board; authorizes investment board in its judgment to invest certain funds in loans to said building corporation secured by a pledge of rentals; other provisions.

Chapter 703 provides that the appropriation for a new building for unemployment compensation, employment service and related uses may be used to help finance a combined state office building.

Defeated

Bill 456, S., to require members of state building commission to include one minority party member from each house of legislature.

CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE

Enacted

Chapters 259, 466, 543, 656, 686 and 688 appropriated sums to various individuals and organizations for damages or injuries caused to their property or person.

DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

Enacted

Chapter 106 extends the existence of the interstate bridge commission to the date the 1959 legislature adjourns.

Chapter 139 eliminates obsolete material and conforms to present practice certain statutes concerning the grain and warehouse commission.

Chapter 172 deletes obsolete material and makes minor corrections in the statutes relating to the industrial commission.

Chapter 269 establishes a committee on aging population made up of the governor and the heads of 10 state departments to study the problems created by the aging of the population.

Chapter 360 transfers WHA television to university and provides funds for operation in the biennium.

Chapter 410 gives the state historical society broader discretion to dispose of duplicate materials or items outside its fields of collection; directs the society to work with local societies; authorizes establishment of county records depositories.

Enacted (Continued)

Chapter 426 clarifies the statutes relating to issuing and publishing administrative rules of state agencies.

Chapter 523 makes various correctional changes in the statutes relating to the duties of public service commission.

Chapter 528 provides that various state officials may name a representative to serve in their places on certain committees, boards, etc.; abolishes the committee to review expenditures for promotional advertising, committee on official state bonds and the psychiatric institute advisory council; establishes an interagency committee on health and welfare.

Chapter 532 authorizes the board of veterans affairs to prescribe rules necessary to carry out their duties, subject to review by committee on administrative rules; includes Korean conflict in statement of policy.

Chapter 622 establishes contingent funds to redeem bad checks received by the individual income tax division of the state department of taxation.

Chapter 638 clarifies the conditions under which filing fees must be paid to the public service commission with applications dealing with motor carrier authority.

Chapter 639 provides for transfer of funds from administrative account of unemployment reserve fund to construct office buildings for employment service, unemployment compensation and other related activities; to be reimbursed by federal aid in form of rentals.

Chapter 697 amended the powers and duties of the investment board to create a state investment fund in which each agency participating would share in accordance with its equity in the fund. It also clarified the funds which the board administers.

Defeated

Bill 124, S., to authorize reorganization of motor vehicle department; to repeal itinerant truckers license law.

Bill 126, S., to make various changes in the statutes concerning the functions of the state department of taxation.

Bill 187, S., to make various changes in the statutes concerning the grain and warehouse commission.

Bill 275, S., to require all meetings of state and local government bodies to be open to the public, with certain exceptions.

Bill 373, S., to provide for examination of state department organization and recommendation for reorganization by the governor.

Bill 412, S., to pool various state trust funds for investment purposes; to permit the investment board to make loans from the building trust fund to state building corporations. (Vetoed)*

Bill 466, S., to make various changes in the statutes, relating to the real estate brokers board.

Bill 550, S., to create a department of commerce and economic development to foster industrial and port development, enforce fair trade laws, promote undeveloped areas and co-ordinate state promotional activities; such department to replace industrial development division and certain functions of conservation commission and department of agriculture.

Bill 32, A., to create a committee on atomic energy to study peaceful use of atomic energy.

Bill 142, A., to create a committee on economy and efficiency in state government to examine operations and programs of departments and institutions.

DEPARTMENT AND AGENCIES (Continued)

Defeated (Continued)

Bill 232, A., to provide that membership of state radio council include one senator and one assemblyman.

Bill 417, A., to require public hearings before state agencies may adopt administrative rules.

Bill 564, A., to change number of members of industrial commission from 3 to 5, of whom 2 shall represent organized labor, 2 to represent management and 1 to represent the public.

Bill 586, A., to create a Wisconsin veterans memorial commission to approve, recommend or veto plans for changes in memorials, including Camp Randall memorial park; and prohibit additional buildings at Camp Randall unless authorized by the legislature. (Vetoed)* (See State Government - State Property for version which was enacted)

Bill 765, A., to create a commission on alcoholism to study treatment and rehabilitation of alcoholics.

FUNCTIONS

Enacted

Chapter 42 extends to July 1, 1959, the time during which the state may purchase supplies from the federal government without requiring bids.

Chapter 160 expands the power of the governor to co-ordinate the use of state services and facilities including communication facilities and business equipment.

Chapter 344 increases the number of free copies of the inventory of Wisconsin natural resources to be distributed to schools, libraries and other public and private agencies.

Chapter 540 provides for inspection of mines by the industrial commission at least once every 2 months; authorizes commission to hire additional inspectors, and to obtain court orders to close unsafe mines.

Chapter 547 provides for maintenance of a records management service in the bureau of purchases; transfers committee on public records from jurisdiction of state historical society to the executive department; transfers duty of securing and allocating office space from bureau of purchases to state chief engineer.

Chapter 555 revises provisions relating to the annual report of the insurance commissioner, omitting certain unnecessary items.

Chapter 568 requires the state chief engineer to prepare specifications for state purchase of fuel oil and lubricants, as well as coal.

Chapter 640 contains various provisions regarding the deposit of public funds; reconstitutes the state deposit fund to cover certain future contingent losses.

Defeated

Bill 552, A., to provide for installation of parking meters on capitol side of street surrounding the capitol.

INDIANS

Enacted

Chapter 464 continues the committee on Menominee Indian problems; adds representatives of state board of health and human rights commission.

Chapter 575 appropriates funds to continue state aid for law enforcement in certain counties containing Indian reservations.

INDIANS (Continued)

Defeated

Bill 543, S., to create division of Indian affairs in executive office to co-ordinate state functions concerning Indian education, training, health, welfare and law enforcement.

NATIONAL GUARD

Enacted

Chapter 114 provides that the air national guard portion of Camp Williams shall be known as "Volk Field" in memory of Lt. Jerome A. Volk, pilot killed in Korea.

Chapter 403 appropriates state funds and credits federal funds for construction and expansion of state armories.

OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES

Enacted

Chapter 141 authorizes governor to delegate authority to approve official out of state travel by state personnel, and requires periodic reports on such travel.

Chapter 263 increases the salaries of constitutional and administrative officers of the state. Partially vetoed and veto sustained. Chapter is in litigation as of January 31, 1957 on the question of whether it was a valid enactment.

Chapter 362 provides for appointment of a deputy state engineer and deputy state architect by the state chief engineer.

Chapter 470 extends from July 1 to July 31 the date by which state department heads must file employe compensation plans.

Chapter 512 establishes an optional, contributory group life insurance program for state employes and officers, providing for \$1,000 of insurance for each \$1,000 of annual salary or part thereof.

Chapter 553 reduces the number of holidays for state employes; changes annual vacation allowance from 3 weeks for all state employes to 1 week after 1 year, 2 weeks after 2 years, and 3 weeks after 10 years' service.

Chapter 582 authorizes the director of personnel to establish separate pay schedules for short-term, project, part-time and student employes, who would be denied certain fringe benefits; to establish a separate pay schedule for teachers; to waive residence and citizenship requirements for professional employes; other provisions.

Chapter 661 increased the salaries of 10 state officers who were omitted from Chapter 263 previously enacted or whose salary was vetoed by the governor.

Chapter 671 provides for a pro rata vacation for part-time state employes who are employed 6 months or more continuously although not in the same year.

Defeated

Bill 58, S., to permit a state department to give annual merit increases to each employe recommended for an increase, instead of limiting funds for such purpose to 80 per cent of required amount.

Bill 107, S., to provide for payment of state employes for overtime work on time and one-half basis.

Bill 113, S., to authorize state employes and officers to be reimbursed for tipping and parking expenses while on state business.

Bill 117, S., to provide for a single blanket fidelity bond for all state positions, with extra coverage for state treasurer and investment commission.

OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES (Continued.)

Defeated (Continued)

Bill 262, S., to provide for group hospital and surgical insurance for state employes, with state paying one-half the cost.

Bill 97, A., to create longevity increases to state employes.

Bill 107, A., to prohibit employment of persons receiving benefits from a public retirement system by any unit of state or local government.

Bill No. 167, A., to eliminate requirement that members of highway commission be appointed from 3 areas of the state.

Bill 510, A., to permit payment of a different salary to state employes for night work.

Bill 620, A., to redefine "veteran" for purposes of preference in civil service examinations. (Vetoed)*

Bill 811, A., to prohibit state legislators or employes from engaging in activities which conflict with their official duties; to establish statutory standards of ethical conduct.

PRINTING

Enacted

Chapter 395 sets a limit on payment for official state printing equal to amount paid for other legal notices.

Defeated

Bill 79, S., to create advisory committee on printing; remove certain restrictions on printing legislative documents and reports.

STATE PROPERTY

Enacted

Chapter 3 authorizes the city of Waukesha to use land sold to it by the state in 1953 for purposes other than those for which it was sold.

Chapter 7 authorizes the release of certain restrictions on a deed from Harold H. Allen to the state department of public welfare.

Chapter 192 clarifies the purposes for which loans may be made by the commissioners of public lands; and provides that title cannot be obtained by adverse possession with respect to certain lands held in trust by the land commissioners.

Chapter 222 authorizes the state superintendent of public instruction to permit the city of Janesville to use part of the grounds of the state school for the visually handicapped as a city park.

Chapter 357 directs the state department of agriculture to convey to the city of West Allis a portion of state fair park, to be used for street and highway purposes.

Chapter 401 subjects university farm lands in the city of Madison to general property taxes if such lands are used for commercial purposes.

Chapter 462 creates an interim committee of one senator and 2 assemblymen to investigate the physical facilities of the capitol and state office building, including repair and maintenance operations.

Chapter 463 makes the state engineer, architect and budget director advisory members of the state building commission; requires commission to establish building priorities for the next 3 bienniums; requires commission approval on projects costing more than \$15,000.

Chapter 646 authorizes the state department of agriculture to convey to the city of Milwaukee certain land in the state fair park for expressway purposes, at an agreed price.

STATE PROPERTY (Continued)

Enacted (Continued)

Chapter 651 grants an easement to the city of Platteville through to state college at Platteville for street and highway purposes, in exchange for the closing of another street.

Chapter 678 creates Wisconsin veterans memorial commission composed of governor and 6 citizens appointed by him to approve erection of state war memorials. It expressly prohibits construction at Camp Randall without legislative authorization.

Chapter 691 authorizes the state department of public welfare to sell 10 acres of land from the Wisconsin school for boys to the town of Waukesha for municipal purposes and appropriates proceeds to the department of public welfare.

Defeated

Bill 353, S., to permit municipalities to subject all state property except highways to special assessments. (Vetoed)

Bill 594, S., to exempt certain buildings and improvements on university farm lands from school taxes.

Bill 242, A., to subject to property taxation real estate acquired by the state through foreclosure of mortgages securing veterans' loans. (Vetoed)*

Bill 243, A., to subject to special assessments any real estate acquired by the state through foreclosure of mortgages securing veterans' loans. (Vetoed)*

SYMBOLS

Enacted

Chapter 147 makes the badger the Wisconsin state animal and the white-tailed deer the Wisconsin wild life animal.

Chapter 209 makes the badger the Wisconsin state animal.

Defeated

Bill 159, A., to change the date for several legal holidays so that they occur on Monday.

TRUST FUNDS

Enacted

Chapter 461 provides for investment of funds of state historical society by the state investment board; up to 50 per cent of such funds to be invested in common and preferred stocks.

T A X A T I O N

BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO TAX

Enacted

Chapter 239 increases the cigarette tax from 4 cents to 5 cents per pack.

Defeated

Bill 284, A., to restrict distribution of liquor tax collections to wet municipalities.

EXEMPTIONS

Enacted

Chapter 104 exempts milk coolers, bulk tanks and other milk house equipment used by a farmer from the personal property tax.

Chapter 149 exempts from general property tax property of certain nonprofit hospital associations.

Chapter 154 clarifies and amends definition of "mobile home" to include additions, annexes and foundations.

Chapter 290 exempts property of a metropolitan sewerage district from the general property tax.

Chapter 330 exempts proceeds of domestic insurance companies from sale of disability insurance from gross premium tax.

Chapter 339 extends for 2 years the period during which members of the armed forces are given a \$1,500 exemption for income tax purposes.

Chapter 345 eliminates the property tax exemption on mobile homes in towns which have no ordinance requiring a monthly license fee.

Chapter 407 exempts from execution one television set and one radio owned by a debtor.

Chapter 601 exempts from personal property tax plants growing in greenhouses or under hotbeds, sash or lath.

Chapter 654 exempts from personal property tax merchandise made in Wisconsin, stored in original package in a commercial storage warehouse or public wharf, for shipment out of state.

Defeated

Bill 292, S., to exempt certain hospitals from general property tax.

Bill 48, A., to exempt livestock from general property tax.

Bill 464, A., to create a committee on tax exemptions to give legislature its opinion on legality, fiscal effect and public policy of each bill affecting a tax exemption.

GENERAL PROPERTY TAX

Defeated

Bill 91, A., to exempt from taxation improvements on residential property up to \$1,000 for 3 years.

Bill 352, A., to provide that general property tax is a lien on both real and personal property (now apparently applies only to real property).

Bill 389, A., to change assessment date from May 1 to January 1.

INCOME TAX

Enacted

Chapter 127 designates the income tax as a tax for state and local revenues, in order to make it clear that it is not just a "state income tax".

Chapter 143 provides that no gain or loss results for income tax purposes if corporation stock is exchanged for similar stock in the same corporation.

Chapter 145 provides that in computing the 4-year period in which credits, refunds or additional assessments can be made for Wisconsin income taxes, a return filed before the last day prescribed by law shall be considered as filed on the last day.

Chapter 283 permits accelerated amortization of bulk milk tanks and milk pipe lines on farms, for state income tax purposes.

Chapter 473 permits as a deduction for state income tax purposes all payments to policemen relief associations for relief of widows and orphans, as donations or any other form.

Chapter 474 permits a taxpayer to take as a dependent his child residing in another state, for income tax purposes.

Chapter 488 continues the 20 per cent surtax on individual incomes for 1957 and 1958, all proceeds to be retained by the state.

Chapter 517 provides that for income tax purposes no gain or loss is recognized if property in Wisconsin held for investment purposes is exchanged for similar property in Wisconsin; other provisions.

Chapter 612 provides that to constitute tax exempt Wisconsin dividend, 50 per cent of net income of corporation must be used in computing Wisconsin taxable income.

Chapter 679 extends the time for filing 1957 and 1958 income tax returns for members of armed forces overseas for 6 months after close of 1958 fiscal or calendar year.

Defeated

Bill 137, S., to permit inspection of tax returns on payment of fee of \$1.

Bill 151, S., to exempt from state income tax teachers retirement benefits received from other states if similar to Wisconsin benefits.

Bill 157, S., to reduce from 2 per cent to seven-eighths of one per cent of the equalized value the maximum income tax proceeds to be apportioned to any town, city or village.

Bill 189, S., to exempt the first \$1,200 of federal retirement benefits from state income tax.

Bill 370, S., to allow deduction for income tax purposes of political contributions up to \$100.

Bill 457, S., to apportion municipal share of income tax equally between municipality of residents and municipality where income is earned.

Bill 498, S., to exclude from income for state income tax purposes amounts received through accident and health insurance.

Bill 519, S., to change the effective date of a 1955 law on taxation of corporate distributions, so as to make it retroactive for several months before its effective date. (Vetoed)*

Bill 572, S., to allow self-employed individuals to deduct for income tax purposes certain retirement deposits made in trust funds or insurance policies, with distributions from such funds or policies to be taxable.

INCOME TAX (Continued)

Defeated (Continued)

Bill 642, S., to permit deductions of interest paid and received by corporations on additions to and refunds from the state and federal income tax was indefinitely postponed.

Bill 83, A., to exempt unemployment benefits from state income tax.

Bill 228, A., to permit deduction for income tax purposes of tuition to private or parochial schools.

Bill 291, A., to make corporate officers liable for payment of corporate taxes to a limited extent.

Bill 507, A., to reduce deductions permitted banks for income tax purposes by a proportion of nontaxable income to total gross income.

Bill 556, A., to exempt from income tax the income of a trust in this state if the trustee lives in another state. (Vetoed)*

Bill 566, A., to provide for withholding of income tax from wages if employe is delinquent in paying such taxes.

Bill 580, A., to subject income of mutual savings bank and savings and loan associations to state income tax.

Bill 742, A., to require the department of taxation to make a final determination of income tax due from a decedent or his estate within 90 days after filing of a final income tax return. (Vetoed)*

INHERITANCE AND GIFT TAX

Enacted

Chapter 144 provides that for inheritance or gift tax purposes, in determining a transfer of property, with respect to any transfer after July 22, 1951, the exception for close relatives shall not include any power to appoint to the extent of any property as to which such power is validly exercised by creating another power to appoint.

Chapter 185 provides that fees of trustees for administering a testamentary trust are not deductible for inheritance tax purposes.

Chapter 460 authorizes department of taxation to charge fees for release of inheritance tax lien and certificate authorizing delivery of joint property.

Defeated

Bill 380, A., to make annuities, benefits and pensions under retirement, deferred compensation, or profit-sharing plans in connection with employment, taxable under inheritance tax law.

Bill 442, A., to increase from \$10,000 to \$20,000 the amount of life insurance exempt from inheritance tax.

MOTOR FUEL TAX

Defeated

Bill 265, S., to reduce from 1-1/2 per cent to one per cent the shrinkage allowance allowed wholesalers and retailers in computing motor fuel tax.

OCCUPATIONAL TAX

Enacted

Chapter 297 provides for an occupational tax on crude oil refined in Wisconsin in lieu of the personal property tax.

OCCUPATIONAL TAX (Continued)

Defeated

Bill 459, A., to repeal offset against income tax for occupational taxes paid on grain or coal.

Bill 583, A., to tax gross premiums of domestic mutual casualty insurance companies.

SALES TAX

Defeated

Bill 293, S., to establish a state 2 per cent sales tax and increase basic individual income tax rates.

Bill 329, S., to impose a retail sales tax of 3-1/2 per cent and to repeal the state income tax.

Bill 624, S., to impose a 5 per cent tax on receipts from wrestling matches to finance operations of athletic commission.

Bill 289, A., to enact a 2 per cent state sales tax, permit municipalities to impose an additional one per cent sales tax, increase basic individual income tax rates, to increase personal exemptions, to permit reductions for income tax purposes of certain sales and property taxes, to impose a 15 per cent surtax on corporations, to eliminate personal property taxes and certain occupational taxes, and to authorize imposition of motor vehicle fees by local governments.

Bill 713, A., to impose a 2 per cent sales tax; to increase income tax exemptions; to change distribution of income tax collections; to provide for rebate of excess general fund revenues to be applied toward reduction of general property taxes.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Enacted

Chapter 130 provides a new and alternative method for the levying and collection of special assessments by cities and villages.

Chapter 131 established a uniform procedure for levying and collecting city, village and town special assessments for street improvements and maintenance, sewer, water and drainage facilities; permits reassessment of invalid assessments; permits charging laterals and service pipes against lots served.

Chapter 132 conforms statutory references on towns and sewer district special assessments to chapters 130 and 131.

TAX ADMINISTRATION

Enacted

Chapter 61 authorizes towns, villages and cities to extend from January 31 to February 28 the time for payment of the first instalment of real estate taxes, if paid in semiannual payments.

Chapter 203 makes minor revisions to simplify the provisions relating to in rem tax proceedings.

Chapter 255 provides that privately-owned property to which a governmental unit owns the mineral or other rights shall be valued for tax purposes according to the value after eliminating the value of such rights.

Chapter 257 provides that in computing semiannual real estate tax payments in towns the required payments are based on the total tax payable by each person, not to individual parcels.

Chapter 316 changes minimum payment on delinquent property taxes from \$10 to \$20; makes various changes in procedure for sale of tax certificates.

TAX ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

Enacted (Continued)

Chapter 383 requires the department of taxation to provide local treasurers with a statement of adjustments made to correct erroneous allocations in distributing the income tax revenues.

Chapter 441 changes tribunal for hearing of appeals from county assessments from department of taxation to board of tax appeals.

Chapter 447 provides a penalty for failing to pay delinquent taxes before cutting forest products on land.

Chapter 485 provides that a power plant used to produce power for operating a low-grade iron ore treatment plant shall be considered part of the treatment plant for tax purposes, to the extent the power generated is used for such purposes.

Chapter 505 authorizes county boards to set compensation and expense allowance for local assessors and clerks attending meetings called by department of taxation, except in Milwaukee county.

Defeated

Bill 183, A., to permit assessment of inventories on an average inventory basis.

UTILITIES

Defeated

Bill 367, S., to change method of assessing railroad property under certain circumstances, and distributing taxes collected on such property, when terminal railroad property equals more than 10 per cent of equalized value of property in a municipality.

Bill 430, S., to provide for local assessment and taxation of a light, heat and power company which has 90 per cent or more of the book value of its property in a single town, village or city.

Bill 481, S., to provide that no municipality in Milwaukee county shall receive public utility taxes in excess of 25 per cent of general property taxes.

Bill 482, S., to increase forest crop tax from 10 cents to 25 cents per acre.

V E T E R A N S

DEPARTMENT

Enacted

Chapter 327 adds representatives of the U.S. Navy Club and the AMVETS to the veterans' advisory committee.

Chapter 678 creates the Wisconsin veterans memorial commission "to perpetuate the memory and history of its veterans who served in the armed forces."

GRAND ARMY HOME

Enacted

Chapter 176 appropriates \$1,500,000 for the construction of a new domiciliary infirmary at the King veterans' home.

Chapter 303 revises the rules for admission to the King veterans' home; provides that priority shall be veterans, veterans' wives, veterans' widows and veterans' mothers.

Chapter 498 requires that payments to the state by veterans at the Grand Army Home shall be made first from sources other than benefits received from the veterans administration.

Chapter 666 provides that widows of veterans who would have been eligible for admission to the veterans' home at King are eligible if the period in which they lived with the veterans plus the period of widowhood is 10 years or more.

HOUSING

Defeated

Bill 333, S., to increase from \$15,000 to \$18,000 value of property on which veterans housing loans may be made.

Bill 588, A., to establish a nonprofit corporation to issue revenue bonds to raise funds for veterans' housing loans.

LOANS

Enacted

Chapter 350 eliminates provision for using repayments on veterans' housing loans for additional loans in counties which have reached the quota limit; repeals temporary provisions for transfer of additional funds for veterans' housing loans.

ORGANIZATIONS

Enacted

Chapter 457 appropriates \$1,000 to the United Spanish War Veterans to defray expenses of their annual encampment.

REHABILITATION AND BENEFITS

Enacted

Chapter 247 gives authority to bury indigent veterans to county service officer, rather than town or village board, or city alderman; increases burial allowance from \$100 to \$150, but limits such burial to veterans (formerly included wives also).

Chapter 365 redefines "veteran" as used in the statutes to be more inclusive and cover all periods of conflict since 1860.

Chapter 372 grants special license plates for disabled veterans by the motor vehicle department. These plates entitle disabled veterans to park longer than the posted limit in zones with time-limit restrictions.

REHABILITATION AND BENEFITS (Continued)

Enacted (Continued)

Chapter 507 changes the charge to veterans who are patients at Wisconsin general hospital from \$5.90 per day to one-half the actual cost (now \$23.50).

Chapter 532 includes the veterans of the Korean conflict in the law regulating benefits for World War II veterans; defines the powers of the department of veterans' affairs.

Chapter 574 provides for mortgage cancellation insurance for veterans making housing loans, if 60 per cent or more of such veterans desire this protection.

Chapter 659 entitles members of the armed forces, stationed in Wisconsin, to fishing and small games licenses without payment of fee, as well as deer hunting licenses upon payment of Wisconsin resident fee. This includes Wisconsin residents on furlough from the armed forces.

Defeated

Bill 405, A., to provide free license plates for certain disabled veterans.

Bill 584, A., to provide for payment of veterans' bonus; to impose a billboard tax to raise funds for such bonus.

Bill 585, A., to appropriate funds to veterans' organizations for cost of handling veterans' claims.

OTHER LEGISLATION

Enacted

Chapter 667 clarifies the reference to veterans eligible for certain benefits revised by Chapter 365, extended benefits to dependents of servicemen missing in action, killed in action or who died in service and permitted the payment of members of the home employed in the hobby shop.

Chapter 678 creates a Wisconsin veterans memorial commission composed of the governor and 6 citizens appointed by him, to approve erection of state war memorials. It expressly prohibits erection of structures on Camp Randall without legislative authority.

W A T E R W A Y S

PORTS

Enacted

Chapter 278 removes \$3,000 limit on annual salary of secretary of local board of harbor commissioners; increases to \$2,500 the limit on contracts let without bidding; authorizes creation of a contingent fund for emergency repairs; removes 10-year limit on leases of harbor lands.

Chapter 286 requires ports and harbor commissions to handle any legitimate cargo without discrimination.

Defeated

Bill 523, S., to create a port development commission to administer loans and grants made by state to local government units, with \$10,000,000 appropriated for such loans and grants; conditional upon constitutional amendment.

PUBLIC RIGHTS AND GRANTS

Enacted

Chapter 29 corrects a description of submerged lands conveyed to the city of Oshkosh by the 1955 legislature.

Chapter 40 conveys to the city of Kenosha a portion of Pike Creek and authorizes the city to fill in said creek and use it for city purposes.

Chapter 500 authorizes the city of Menasha to quit claim its rights in certain lands on Little Lake Butte des Morts to adjoining property owners who have riparian rights.

Chapter 596 provides for acceptance by the emergency board on behalf of the state, when the legislature is not in session, of acts of congress transferring facilities on the Upper Fox river to the state.

Chapter 609 conveys certain submerged lands of Lake Geneva to the city of Lake Geneva for construction of a breakwater.

Chapter 657 limits to 20 feet the height of public buildings which may be built by the city of Madison on Lake Monona within the dock line.

Defeated

Bill 578, S., to grant submerged lands to the city of Green Bay, and authorize the city to convey part of such lands to riparian owners. (Vetoed)*

Bill 117, A., to convey certain creek lands to the city of Kenosha (replaced by a similar bill). (Vetoed)*

REGULATION

Enacted

Chapter 353 prohibits throwing debris or refuse into lakes or rivers or on the ice thereof; requires revocation of hunting and fishing licenses upon conviction.

Chapter 436 permits a riparian owner, who is authorized by the public service commission to divert water, to use such water on other contiguous land, until 1959; but amount of water withdrawn may not be increased; permit may be revoked if withdrawal is found detrimental to other riparians or the stream.

REGULATION (Continued)

Defeated

Bill 348, S., to require registration of all boats operated on inland waters of the state with annual fee of \$1.

Bill 413, S., to require \$1 license fee for operation of boats with outboard motors on waters of the state.

Bill 762, A., to require registration of boats with motor vehicle department.

Bill 793, A., to require all boats and outboard motors to be licensed by conservation commission.