Whereas, the regular session of the legislature Failure to appropriate. in 1933 failed to appropriate any sum whatsoever for the payment of retained pay to such enlisted men which had accrued prior to April 1, 1933, and which the state is obligated to pay, and

Whereas, there is due to enlisted personnel for Sum due. retained pay accrued prior to April 1, 1933, the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000).

Now therefore, there is hereby appropriated Appropriafrom the general fund the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), or so much as may be necessary for the payment of all claims for such retained pay duly presented and audited for payment.

Passed the Senate March 10, 1935. Passed the House March 14, 1935. Approved by the Governor March 22, 1935.

CHAPTER 162.

[S. B. 362.]

FLOOD CONTROL; IMPROVEMENT OF RIVERS.

An Acr relating to flood control and providing for the improvement of rivers by counties and amending section 9626 of Remington's Revised Statutes.

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

Section 1. That section 9626 of Remington's Amends § 9626, Rem. Revised Statutes be and the same is hereby amended Rev. Stat. to read as follows:

Section 9626. Said fund shall be expended by such county commissioners to acquire by condemna- Acquiring tion or otherwise, any land bordering upon, or in of land for flood control the vicinity of the banks of any river or stream to be improved, which in their judgment for flood control purposes it is advisable to acquire, to strengthen and preserve the banks of any river or stream and

purposes.

prevent overflow thereof, and confine such river or stream within its proper channel, or to straighten the channel by dredging or construction of a new channel; to construct any levee, embankment, channel, or other construction at such point where such land is acquired, as in their judgment they may deem necessary or advisable, to protect and render more secure the banks of any river by constructing therein stone or mason work, contrivance or piling or such other construction as in their judgment is best adapted to accomplish such purpose; to remove log jams or obstructions that may be or hereafter form in such river, and to do any other act to prevent the formation of any obstruction in such river or stream.

Improvement of rivers.

Passed the Senate March 11, 1935. Passed the House March 13, 1935. Approved by the Governor March 22, 1935.

CHAPTER 163.

[S. B. 363.]

STATE POLICY FOR CONTROL OF FLOODS.

An Act relating to flood control, providing for a state policy therefor in cooperation with the United States and flood control districts in this state, granting certain powers to counties, cities, towns, diking, drainage and waterway districts in relation thereto, making an appropriation therefor and declaring that this act shall take effect immediately.

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

State policy for control of floods. Section 1. It is the purpose of the State of Washington, in the exercise of its sovereign and police powers, and in the interests of public welfare, to establish a state policy for the control of floods to the extent practicable and by economically feasible methods.