CHAPTER 21.

[H.B. 31.]

RELATING TO FIRST CLASS CITIES OWNING AND OPERATING PUBLIC UTILITIES.

An Act relating to cities of the first class owning and operating public utilities; authorizing such cities to deal and contract with employees of such utilities and their accredited representatives concerning wages, hours and conditions of labor; and to place such contracts in effect upon execution thereof, amending section 35.14.35, R.C.W., and declaring an emergency.

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

Amendment.

Section 1. Section 35.22.350, R.C.W., as derived from section 1, chapter 37, Laws of 1935, is amended to read as follows:

Cities of first class operating public utilities may enter into contracts with labor organizations.

Every city of the first class which owns and operates a waterworks system, a light and power system, a street railway or other public utility, shall have power, through its proper officers, to deal with and to enter into contracts for periods not exceeding one year with its employees engaged in the construction, maintenance, or operation thereof through the accredited representatives of the employees including any labor organization or organizations authorized to act for them concerning wages, hours and conditions of labor in such employment, and in cities having one hundred forty thousand to one hundred fifty thousand population is empowered and authorized to immediately place in effect any adjustment or change in such wages, hours and conditions of labor of such employees as may be required to conform to the provisions of any such contract, irrespective of the provisions of any annual budget or act relating thereto: Provided. That not more than one such contract not in conformity with any annual budget shall be made during any budget year, nor shall any such adjustment or change be

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made which would result in an excess of expenditures over revenues of such public utility.

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Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately. Emergency.

Passed the House January 30, 1951.

Passed the Senate February 15, 1951.

Approved by the Governor February 23, 1951.

CHAPTER 22.

[H. B. 35.]

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW STATE OFFICE BUILDING.

An Acr relating to state government; authorizing the issuance of bonds against the capitol building construction fund for the construction of a new office building on or near the state capitol grounds in the city of Olympia; prescribing the purposes for which the proceeds shall be used; defining the powers of the state capitol committee in connection therewith; making an appropriation, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. The state capitol committee may issue Issuance of bonds. coupon or registered bonds of the state in an amount not to exceed two million four hundred fifty thousand dollars. The bonds shall bear interest at a rate Interest. not to exceed three per cent per annum, both principal and interest to be payable only from revenues Retirement hereafter received from leases and contracts of sale money, source. heretofore or hereafter made of lands, timber, and other products from the surface or beneath the surface of the lands granted to the state by the United States pursuant to the act of congress approved February 22, 1889, for capitol building purposes.

Sec. 2. Such bonds may be sold in such manner Sale.