provisions of that act are intended only to apply to those provisions
as they existed as of the effective date of this 1971 amendatory act.

In view of the importance of compliance of this 1971
amendatory act with the federal unemployment tax act, any ambiguities
contained herein should be resolved in a manner consistent with the
provisions of that act. Considerable weight has been given to the
commentary contained in that document entitled "Draft Legislation to
H.R.14705", published by the United States Department of Labor,
Manpower Administration, and that commentary should be referred to
when interpreting the provisions of this 1971 amendatory act.

Language in this 1971 amendatory act concerning the extension
of coverage to employers entitled to make payments in lieu of
contributions should, in a manner consistent with the foregoing
paragraph, be construed so as to have a minimum financial impact on
the employers subject to the experience rating provisions of this
title.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 26. Section 20, chapter 35, Laws of 1945
and RCW 50.04.190 are each repealed effective December 31, 1971.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 27. This 1971 amendatory act is necessary
for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
safety, the support of state government and its existing
institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House January 26, 1971.
Passed the Senate January 27, 1971.
Approved by the Governor January 28, 1971.
Filed in Office of Secretary of State January 28, 1971.

CHAPTER 4
[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 312]
HIGHWAYS--
EMERGENCY PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

AN ACT Relating to emergency protection and restoration of highways;
adding a new section to chapter 47.28 RCW; creating new
sections; providing a terminal date; and declaring an
emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 47.28 RCW
a new section to read as follows:

(1) Whenever the state highway commission finds that as a
consequence of accident, natural disaster or other emergency, an
existing state highway is in jeopardy, or is rendered impassible in
one or both directions, and the commission further finds that prompt
reconstruction, repair, or other work is needed to preserve or
restore the highway for public travel the highway commission may
authorize the department of highways to obtain at least three written
bids for the work without publishing a call for bids and to award a
contract forthwith to the lowest responsible bidder.

(2) Whenever the state highway commission finds it necessary
to protect a highway facility from imminent damage or to perform
temporary work to reopen a highway facility the highway commission
may authorize the department of highways to contract for such
emergency work on a negotiated basis not to exceed force account
rates for a period not to exceed thirty working days.

(3) When the engineer's estimate of the cost of work
authorized in either subsections (1) or (2) of this section is less
than one hundred thousand dollars the director of highways may make
findings as provided hereinabove and pursuant thereto the department
of highways may award contracts as authorized by this section.

(4) Any person, firm, or corporation awarded a contract for
work must be prequalified pursuant to RCW 47.28.070 and may be
required to furnish a bid deposit or performance bond.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The contract authorized by the director
of highways on January 27, 1971 for emergency work to clear Old
Sammish Road adjacent to the damaged portion of Interstate 5 to
establish drainage and protect Interstate 5 from further damage is
hereby ratified and approved.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act shall expire on June 30, 1971.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. 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.

Passed the Senate January 29, 1971.
Passed the House February 1, 1971.
Approved by the Governor February 5, 1971.
Filed in Office of Secretary of State February 5, 1971.

CHAPTER 5
[House Bill No. 130]
STATE TREASURER--
CHECK CASHING

AN ACT Relating to state government; authorizing the state treasurer
to cash certain checks for state officers and employees; and
adding a new section to chapter 43.08 RCW.