Contract approved.

contract: *Provided*, That such contract shall be approved in writing by the state director.

Liberal construction.

SEC. 78. The provisions of this act and all proceedings thereunder shall be liberally construed with a view to effect their objects.

Partial invalidity. SEC. 79. If any section or provision of this act shall be adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the act as a whole, or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional.

Effective immediately.

SEC. 80. 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 March 9, 1935. Passed the House March 12, 1935. Approved by the Governor March 22, 1935.

CHAPTER 161.

[S. B. 319.]

WASHINGTON NATIONAL GUARD; RETAINED PAY.

AN ACT relating to the payment of retained pay for enlisted men of the National Guard and making an appropriation therefor.

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

Payment of retained pay.

SECTION 1. WHEREAS, there is in existence statutory provision for the payment to every enlisted man of the national guard of the State of Washington attending the prescribed annual encampments the sum of fifty cents (50ϕ) per day, such sum to be retained until the expiration of his term of service or honorable discharge, and Сн. 162.1

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 Appropria-tion. from 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 pav 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 ACT 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 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 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.