

involve matters of greatest moment in carrying forward the public policies of this state;

*Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

That it is desired by the State of North Dakota that the issues arising in said cause be heard and advanced to final judgment as soon as may be practicable; and that the Governor of this State, who is a party to said cause, as Governor and as Chairman of the Industrial Commission of North Dakota, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to take all proper and necessary measures for the advancement of the hearing of said cause before the Supreme Court of the United States.

Approved 2:15 P. M. Dec. 8, 1919.

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## MARTIAL LAW

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### CHAPTER 43.

[S. B. No. 31—Levang.]

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#### SEIZURE OF PROPERTY.

**An Act Authorizing the Governor as Commander-in-Chief of the Military and Naval Forces of This State to Take Over and Operate Any Coal Mines or Other Public Utility in Any Emergency Where Necessary for the Protection of Life and Property.**

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

§ 1. The Governor as Commander-in-Chief of the Military and Naval forces of this State is hereby authorized and empowered to take any measure necessary to prevent or avert any pending disaster or calamity which threatens to destroy life or property in this State, or which may entail loss of life or property or result in great suffering or hardship among the people of this State; and in the event of any strike or threatened strike or lockout or threatened lockout of the employees of any coal mine or public utility threatening to endanger the life and property of the people of this State, in any such event he shall have the power and authority to commandeer and take for use during any such emergency any coal mine or other public utility, together with the machinery, equipment and appurtenances of any such coal mine or public utility which may be necessary to save life or property; and he shall have power and authority to employ all help necessary for operating any such coal mine or public utility, with power and authority to make and enter into all contracts for the operation of any such coal mine or public utility, and to purchase any and all material necessary for operating

any such coal mine or public utility, and with power to sell and distribute the products or services of any such mine or public utility.

§ 2. The Governor is further authorized to use any of the facilities or offices of the State when required to take over and use any such coal mine or public utility, and may command the services of the State Militia or the State Constabulary.

§ 3. The owner of any coal mine or public utility so taken shall be given a receipt therefor and shall be paid for the use thereof and for any damages which may be caused to the same while in the possession of the State; provided that such compensation shall be determined by the Board of Railroad Commissioners, after notice and hearing to the parties interested therein, such notice to be given and such hearing conducted in the same manner provided by Chapter 192 of the Laws of North Dakota for the year 1919 for hearing and determining the rates and charges of public utilities.

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## MOTOR VEHICLES

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### CHAPTER 44.

[S. B. No. 5—King.]

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#### REGISTRATION.

An Act to Amend and Re-enact Chapter 182 of the 1919 Session Laws to Provide for the Taxing and Licensing of Motor Vehicles, the Creation of a Motor Vehicle Registration Department of the State Highway Commission and the Appointment of a Registrar as Head of the Same Defining His Duties and Compensation; Establishing the Method of Distributing the Fees Received Therefrom; Fixing Penalties for the Violation of This Act and Providing an Appropriation for Administering the Same and for the Use of the State Highway Commission; and Repealing Chapter 156 of the Laws of North Dakota, 1917, and All Acts and Parts of Acts in Conflict Therewith.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] That Chapter 182 of the 1919 Session Laws of North Dakota is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Chapter 182, Section 1. The term "motor vehicles" as used in this Act, except where otherwise expressly provided, shall include all vehicles propelled by any other than muscular power, except traction engines, road rollers, fire wagons and engines, police patrol wagons, ambulances and such vehicles as run only upon rails or tracks. The term "local authorities" shall include all officials of counties, cities, towns, or villages.