

DIGEST OF SENATE AND HOUSE BILLS
ENACTED BY THE THIRTY-NINTH GEN-
ERAL ASSEMBLY, STATE OF COLORADO*(our only copy)*

(Second Extraordinary Session - 1954)

- S.B. No. 1 - Soil Erosion - Relates to the prevention and control of soil erosion. Boards of County Commissioners of the respective counties in drouth areas determine if blowing of soil can be prevented or lessened by treatment of soil, and if so, can order the landowner to treat his soil in a manner specified by the commissioners. If landowner fails to so treat his land, commissioners can have the work performed, and apply to the State Department of Agriculture for funds to pay for such work. \$1,000,000 is appropriated to a "Special Wind Erosion Control Fund" for this purpose. Commissioners assess the landowner for costs incurred to have land treated, and remit such assessments to the state treasury to reimburse state funds.
- H.B. No. 1 - Appropriation - Appropriates \$15,000 for the expenses of the extra session.
- H.B. No. 2 - Income Taxes - Withholding from Wages - Provides for the withholding of income taxes on wages similar to the federal plan. 4% of the total amount required to be deducted for federal withholding is the basis upon which such withholding shall be made, starting July 1, 1954. Also provides for the continuation of the 20% reduction on income taxes for individuals and corporations for the taxable year 1954.
- H.B. No. 5 - Land Acquisition Commission - Provides for a Land Acquisition Commission of three members to be appointed by the Governor to acquire a site, and, if necessary, to condemn property, for a United States Air Force Academy if Congress enacts necessary legislation, and Colorado is selected as the site for such academy.

**ACTION TAKEN BY SECOND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE THIRTY-NINTH
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H.C.R. No. 1 - Refers to the people a proposed constitutional amendment to be voted on at the general election in November, 1954, to permit the legislature to exempt personal property from the ad valorem tax. This amendment will appear as Measure No. 6 on the ballot. Five proposed amendments have already been referred by the Thirty-ninth General Assembly to the people to be voted on at the coming general election. A referred bill will also be voted upon providing \$35,000,000 for highways.

Resolutions passed: S.J.R. No. 5 accepting the invitation of Dr. Erick to attempt to produce rain in southeastern Colorado.

S.J.R. No. 1 constituting the standing agriculture committees of both houses as an interim committee to study and survey the workability of the soil erosion bill passed at this extra session and the funds appropriated therefor, as well as the workability of the 1937 Soil Conservation District Act.

H.R. No. 3 censoring the Board of Regents of the University of Colorado for granting a charter to a professional fraternity which restricts its membership on the basis of color.

S.R. No. 2 authorizing the Legislative Council to make a study of the controversy surrounding the State Board of Industries for the Blind.

H.J.R. No. 3 requesting the Department of Highways to improve and oil State Highway 10 between Walsenburg and La Junta.

**Statistics - 2 Senate bills introduced - 1 passed
7 House bills introduced - 3 passed
1 House Concurrent Resolution passed (2 other Senate Concurrent Resolutions on personal property exemption were not acted upon)**