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EMERGENCY MEASURES

Five measures, carrying the emergency clause, have been passed and approved by the Governor. Three of these, Senate Bill 30 and House Bills 6 and 9, are appropriation measures. Senate Bill 1 amends paragraph (g) of sub-section (2) of Section 4, Chapter 196, Session Laws for 1927, and provides for raising money to take care of deficiencies in special improvement district funds; it also amends sub-section (1) of Section 17 of said Chapter so as to provide a method of carrying the other amendment into effect without advertising for bids. The bill became law January 28, 1929.

Senate Bill 24 became law February 5, 1929. It amends paragraph 2 of Section 1251, Laws for 1913, so that said section now reads: "To establish and maintain such schools in its district as it shall deem requisite or expedient and to change or discontinue the same."

 INFORMATION NEEDED

A number of requests for information have come in recently concerning the local bar organizations in the State, some of which we have been unable to answer satisfactorily to ourselves or to those sending in the requests. In order, therefore, that we may be able to have the data available, we urge the officers of all city, county and district bar associations in this State to send us the names of the President and Secretary.

And while we are in the business of soliciting information, we desire to call attention again to the need for cooperation on the part of local attorneys in obtaining and presenting to Mr. Tracy R. Bangs, Chairman of the Committee of Memorials, Grand Forks, N. D., the necessary data concerning deceased members. No committee on our roster needs the cooperation of the members more than this particular committee.

 RULE OF CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Chief Justice Fuller, in *Metcalf vs. Watertown*, 153 U. S. 671, makes this statement: "The true rule for construction of statutes is, to look to the whole and every part of the statute, and the apparent intention derived from the whole, to the subject matter, to the effects and consequences, and to the reason and spirit of the law; and thus, to ascertain the true meaning of the legislature, though the meaning so ascertained may sometimes conflict with the literal sense of the words."

 AUTO INSURANCE—DRIVERS' LICENSES

As indicated in the November issue of Bar Briefs, the matter of licensing automobile drivers or of requiring insurance against damages, personal or property, has been up for discussion at the present session of the Legislature. The matter was presented to the Executive Committee and the Legislative Committee of the Association, neither of which took action for the reason that the Association had had no opportunity to express its views upon these subjects.