EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 81

WHEREAS, The sport of thoroughbred racing for some time has provided exciting entertainment to the people of the State of New Jersey and has contributed significantly to the financial health of the State government;

WHEREAS, The spectator facilities at Garden State Racetrack, one of the State's premier racing facilities, were destroyed in an unfortunate fire; and

WHEREAS, Both public and private interests have put forth creative proposals for the reconstruction of the track which deserve careful consideration;

Now, Therefore, I, Brendan Byrne, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of this State, do hereby ESTABLISH a committee to assist me in the evaluation of the various proposals for the rehabilitation of the Garden State Racetrack and APPOINT the following State officials as its members:

President of the Senate, Joseph P. Merlino,
Assemblywoman Barbara Berman,
Assemblywoman Mary Keating Croce,
Counsel to the Governor, Daniel J. O'Hern,
Chairman of the New Jersey Racing Commission,
Charles C. Carella.

And I DIRECT that this committee report its findings to me upon completion of its study.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Given, under my hand and seal this 11th day of [seal] October, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-nine, and of the Independence of the United States, the two hundredth and fourth.

/s/ BRENDAN BYRNE,
Governor.

Attest:
HAROLD L. HODES,
Chief of Staff, Secretary.