2. The committee shall periodically submit recommendations to the Governor for the improvement of current programs or the initiation of new programs for the children and youth of this State.

3. The current members of the State committee shall continue to serve in their capacity until July 1, 1984.

4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued August 15, 1983.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 45

WHEREAS, It is the public policy of this State that involuntary unemployment is not desirable and that the public welfare can best be served by the accumulation of funds to provide benefits for periods of involuntary unemployment, in order to limit the serious consequences of unemployment; and

WHEREAS, The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund of New Jersey has been in a deficit state since 1975, having borrowed $735 million for the payment of unemployment benefits, and it is in the public interest that this State be able to provide a strong and adequate system for the provision of benefits to the unemployed; and

WHEREAS, There has been no complete and comprehensive review of the Unemployment Compensation Law since its inception; and

WHEREAS, The current methods of operating the Unemployment Insurance System do not utilize the most efficient methods and technology available, and consideration should be given to changing New Jersey's benefit system to a Wage Reporting System;

Now, THEREFORE, I, Thomas H. Kean, 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 ORDER and DIRECT:

1. There is hereby created a Governor's Commission on Unemployment Insurance (hereinafter referred to as the "commission") to consist of five members. The members of the commission shall be two representatives from industry, two representatives from labor, and a chairman selected by the Governor. The members shall
serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, subject to the availability of funds.

2. The chairman shall preside over the meetings and affairs of the commission and shall create such subcommittees as he deems appropriate to carry out the functions of the commission.

3. The commission shall organize as soon as practicable following the appointment of its members. It shall be the duty of the commission to conduct a thorough study and make recommendations for actions to improve the unemployment insurance system and the disability insurance system of this State. In making its recommendations, the commission shall address the following issues:

The commission is charged with making an in-depth review of shifting from the current Wage Request System to a Wage Reporting System. The commission will evaluate the options in implementing a Wage Reporting System in New Jersey from the perspective of improving services to claimants, reducing paperwork and costs to employers, and maximizing federal funding. The commission shall have the authority to make appropriate legislative recommendations to effectuate this change.

The commission is also charged with exploring the reasons for the weakened condition of the Unemployment Trust Fund through a thorough analysis of all the major factors which comprise the unemployment insurance system, including eligibility criteria, the benefit formula, labor force attachment, disqualifications and penalties, and benefit financing. At the conclusion of its analysis, the commission shall have the authority to develop appropriate legislative recommendations designed to achieve the objective of rebuilding the Unemployment Trust Fund to a position of solvency in which adequate funds will be available for the payment of benefits to our unemployed citizens.

4. The commission shall proceed promptly with its study and shall render to the Governor a report of its findings and recommendations, 90 days from the signing of this Executive Order. The commission shall have available to it the resources of the Department of Labor in making its analysis and may call upon any department, office, division, or agency of the State to supply such data, program reports, and other information, personnel or assistance as it deems necessary to discharge its responsibilities under this
Order. Each department, office, division or agency of the State is authorized and directed, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate with the commission and to furnish it with such information, personnel and assistance as necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order.

5. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued September 8, 1983.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 46

WHEREAS, New Jersey small businesses are important to the economic development of the State; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Branch of government of the State of New Jersey recognizes that small businesses frequently require support and assistance in order to increase their opportunities to do business with the State; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Branch recognizes the need to coordinate the procurement activity of all departments and agencies of State government in order to increase the number of small businesses doing business with State government;

Now, THEREFORE, I, Thomas H. Kean, 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 ORDER and DIRECT:

1. There is hereby established an Inter-Agency Procurement Committee that shall include the deputy or assistant commissioner of each principal department of State government, or a designated representative. The Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development shall chair the committee.

2. The committee shall meet each quarter (or at the call of the chairperson) to review initial and continuing activities on behalf of small businesses.

The committee shall organize itself in a manner it deems necessary to carry forth the following responsibilities:

a. Establish goals for small business procurement within each department;