forth its findings and recommendations relative to this State's recreational needs projected to the year 2000 and the financial and institutional means through which those needs can be addressed. This report shall be submitted to the Governor no later than March 31, 1987 and the Council shall terminate 30 days thereafter.

7. In carrying out its responsibilities pursuant to this Executive Order, the Council is authorized to call upon any department, office, division or agency of the State to supply such data, reports, or other information it deems necessary. Each department, office, division or agency of the State is authorized and directed, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate with the Council and to furnish it with such information, personnel and assistance as necessary to accomplish the purpose of this Executive Order.

8. The Council is authorized to accept such funds as may be made available to the Council to carry out its responsibilities pursuant to this Executive Order.

9. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued May 27, 1986.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 139

WHEREAS, Under current law, permanently and totally disabled workers and their eligible dependents who were being paid workers' compensation benefits prior to January 1, 1980 receive supplemental benefits as cost of living adjustments designed to increase total disability benefits awarded prior to 1980; and

WHEREAS, The current statutory system for the payment of supplemental benefits has resulted in previously unpredicted escalating costs; and

WHEREAS, There are concerns about the efficient and effective allocation and assessment of fiscal resources; and

WHEREAS, Under the current law there exist inadequate funding mechanisms for the funding of supplemental benefits; and
WHEREAS, It is necessary to insure the financial stability of the Second Injury Fund, through which these supplemental benefits and other workers' compensation benefits are administered;

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 Task Force on Benefits for the Totally and Permanently Disabled Worker (hereinafter referred to as the "Task Force").

The Task Force shall consist of 12 members to be appointed by the Governor as follows: the Commissioners of the Departments of Labor and Insurance, or their designees; and 10 public members to be appointed from among persons and organizations with distinguished records and expertise concerned with workers' compensation and disability insurance, who shall include representatives of consumers, providers, business, labor, government and other individuals and groups. The members shall serve without compensation, but public members may be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, subject to the availability of funds.

The Governor shall designate from among the public members a Chairman, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Task Force members shall choose a Vice Chairman from among the members of the Task Force. Task Force vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Governor for the remainders of any unexpired terms.

All organizations and individuals interested in the mission of the Task Force shall be encouraged to participate, and they may be called upon for participation or for information purposes.

2. The Task Force shall be established for a period of 12 months and shall hold formal meetings at least once a month.

3. The Task Force shall research and study the current system of funding and distributing workers' compensation permanent and total disability benefits through the Second Injury Fund, the Stock Workers' Compensation Security Fund and the Mutual Workers' Compensation Security Fund. In order to accomplish this, the Task Force shall:

a. Identify the existing beneficiaries, benefits and the funding for those benefits;
b. Analyze the present system to determine whether it efficiently and adequately addresses the effects of inflation upon total disability benefits;

c. Analyze the existing funding mechanisms and determine their effectiveness and whether alternative measures are more effective and financially sound;

d. Recommend action to address any existing inequities in the current system;

e. Recommend any alternative funding and payment methods which more efficiently and effectively address the effects of inflation upon total disability benefits; and

f. Issue a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor.

4. The Departments of Labor and Insurance are authorized and directed, to the extent not inconsistent with the law, to cooperate with the Task Force and to furnish it with staff, office space and supplies as it may require and as may be available to it for its purposes. The Task Force is authorized to 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.

5. This Order shall take effect immediately and expire 12 months after the organizational meeting of the Task Force.

Issued May 27, 1986.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 140

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States is the cornerstone for the welfare, prosperity and liberties of the people of this State and of the nation; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey was one of the original states participating in the 1787 Constitutional Convention and was the third state to ratify the Constitution, doing so unanimously on December 19, 1787; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of New Jersey played a major role in the creation and ratification of the United States Constitution; and