



**A Colloquium on the
Career of Brendan T. Byrne**
Governor of New Jersey 1974-1982

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Rutgers Program on the Governor

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Program

8:30-9:30

Registration and Buffet Breakfast

Morning session

9:30-12 Noon

Welcome and Introductions

Ruth B. Mandel, Professor and Director,
Eagleton Institute of Politics

Opening Remarks

Brendan T. Byrne

NJ Governors in Historical Context

Marc Mappen, Executive Director,
NJ Historical Commission

Brendan Thomas Byrne: The Early Career

Barry H. Evenchick, Esq., Member of the Firm
Walder, Hayden & Brogan

Martin L. Greenberg, Esq., Counsel to the Firm
Walder, Hayden & Brogan

New Jersey Elections Then and Now: Public Opinion, Politics and Campaigns

Michael Aron, Senior Political Correspondent,
NJN News (moderator):

Richard Leone, President,
The Century Foundation;

John J. Degnan, Vice Chairman and Chief Administrative
Officer, The Chubb Corporation

Alan Sagner, President,
Alan Sagner Companies

Harold L. Hodes, Senior Partner,
Public Strategies/Impact

Jerry F. English, Esq., Member of the Firm,
Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper

12 noon-1 pm buffet lunch

Afternoon session
1:00-4:30

Rutgers Program on the Governor

Richard L. McCormick, President,
Rutgers University

The Byrne Archive Project

Donald Linky
Senior Policy Fellow,
Eagleton Institute of Politics

The Study of Governors

Daniel Tichenor, Professor
Eagleton Institute of Politics

Byrne Papers Collection

Ron Becker
Head, Special Collections and University Archives,
Rutgers University Libraries

The Governor and the Legislature

Alan Rosenthal, Professor,
Eagleton Institute of Politics (moderator):

Robert E. Mulcahy, III, Director of Athletics,
Rutgers University

Albert Burstein, Esq., Member of the Firm
Herten, Burstein, Sheridan, Cevasco, Bottinelli, Litt, & Harz.

Herbert Klein, Esq., Partner
Nowell Amoroso Klein Bierman

William Hamilton, Esq.
William Hamilton Attorney at Law

Harold Martin
Retired, former member, New Jersey General Assembly

Break

***Regional Development and Preservation:
the Meadowlands, Atlantic City and the Pinelands***

**John Weingart, Associate Director,
Eagleton Institute of Politics (moderator):**

**Louis Gambaccini, Senior Fellow,
Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center
Rutgers University**

**David Bardin, Counsel to the Firm
Arent Fox Kintner Plotkin & Kahn**

**Martin L. Greenberg, Esq., Counsel to the Firm
Walder, Hayden & Brogan**

**Betty Wilson, Chairperson
New Jersey Pinelands Commission**

**Michael Fedorko, Commissioner
State of New Jersey Casino Control Commission**

***Concluding remarks*
Brendan T. Byrne**

**4:30
*Adjourn***

**4:30-5:30
*Wine and cheese reception***

Speaker and Panelist Profiles

Ruth B. Mandel

**Director, Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University and
Board of Governors Professor of Politics, Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers
University**

Ruth B. Mandel is Board of Governors Professor of Politics at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey and, since 1995, Director of the Eagleton Institute of Politics, the Rutgers unit that explores state and national politics and government through research and education. From 1971 through 1994, Mandel developed and directed Eagleton's Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP), where she remains affiliated as a Senior Scholar. She is the author of numerous publications about women's changing political roles. Professor Mandel served from 1991 to 2006 by presidential appointment on the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, the governing board of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., and was named as Vice Chairperson of the Council by President Clinton in 1993, serving in that capacity until 2005. Professor Mandel holds a B.A. in English from Brooklyn College and an M.A. and Ph.D. in American Literature from the University of Connecticut. She received an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree from Chatham College in 1998 and an honorary Doctor of Public Administration degree from Georgian Court University in 2006.

Marc Mappen

Executive Director, New Jersey Historical Commission

Dr. Marc Mappen directs the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the New Jersey Department of State that seeks to preserve historical records and advance public knowledge and awareness of the State's heritage. A former associate dean at Rutgers University, he is the co-editor in chief of the *Encyclopedia of New Jersey* published by Rutgers University Press and author of *Jerseyana: The Underside of New Jersey History*. In addition to several other books, he has also written for the *Los Angeles Times*, *Rutgers Magazine*, *New Jersey Heritage* and *The History Teacher* among other publications. A frequent speaker at New Jersey historical societies, libraries, clubs and civic groups, he also has appeared on the History Channel, National Public Radio and provided commentary on the radio series *New Jerseytimes*. Dr. Mappen is also the recipient of the History Issues Convention Maureen Ogden Award and the Society of the Cincinnati Award. He holds a Ph.D. in American History from Rutgers.

Barry H. Evenchick, Esq.

Member of the Firm

Walder, Hayden & Brogan

Barry Evenchick served as chief of the appellate section of the Essex County Prosecutor's Office under Prosecutor Brendan T. Byrne from 1965 to 1968 and, following Brendan Byrne's appointment as President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utility Commissioners, was administrative assistant to President Byrne at the PUC from 1968 to 1970. He also was a deputy attorney general and chief of the appellate section of the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice from 1970 to 1972. He is currently a member of Walder, Hayden & Brogan, a Roseland law firm. He has served as a member of the Supreme Court Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure; chairman of the Motor Vehicle Study Commission for the State of New Jersey; counsel for the National Advisory Committee on Criminal Justice, Standards and Goals; a member of the Governor's Advisory Committee for Implementation of the Penal

Code; and a commissioner of the New Jersey State Commission of Investigation. He has been a New Jersey member of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws since 1981 and serves as chair of the New Jersey delegation. He is vice-chair of the editorial board of the New Jersey Law Journal and an adjunct faculty member at Rutgers Law School in Newark. He was elected to membership in the American Law Institute in 1998. He is a 1960 graduate of Rutgers University and a 1963 graduate of the Rutgers University School of Law.

Martin L. Greenberg, Esq.
Counsel to the Firm
Walder, Hayden & Brogan

After serving as a New Jersey deputy attorney general, Martin L. Greenberg was appointed an assistant counsel to Governor Robert B. Meyner in 1959 when Brendan T. Byrne was the Governor's executive secretary. After Governor Meyner named Brendan Byrne acting Essex County Prosecutor, he joined Prosecutor Byrne's staff as an assistant prosecutor, as well as engaging in private legal practice. He later was a law partner of Byrne prior to Byrne's appointment as President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utility Commissioners in 1968. He was elected to the State Senate in 1973 and served as chair of the County, Municipal Government Committee from 1974 to 1978 and subsequently as chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee until retiring from the Senate in 1979. After leaving the Senate, he was named President and General Counsel to the former Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City. From 1982 through 1992, he was a Judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey, serving as Presiding Judge, Chancery Division, General Equity and Probate. He is currently counsel to the firm of Walder, Hayden & Brogan in Roseland, and also serves as General Counsel and Chief Financial Officer for Urban Archaeology Ltd., in New York City. He is a graduate of Rutgers University and Rutgers Law School, where he was an editor of the Rutgers Law Review.

Michael Aron
Senior Political Correspondent
NJN News

In addition to this political reporting on NJN News, Aron is host/producer of Reporters Roundtable with Michael Aron; a weekly program featuring reporters from around New Jersey who discuss the state's political scene. Aron is also a frequent host/co-producer of On the Record, NJN's weekly public affairs program. Aron has written and produced an hour-long NJN documentary on the break-up of AT&T (1984), and numerous half-hour documentaries. He has interviewed most of the major presidential candidates who have campaigned in New Jersey since 1984, and conducted the only extended TV interview ever given by New Jersey Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Wilentz. He is author of the book, Governor's Race: A TV Reporter's chronicle of the 1993 Florio-Whitman Campaign (Rutgers University Press, January 1994). He has received one Mid-Atlantic Regional Emmy and thirteen nominations. Aron graduated from Harvard University with a BA magna cum laude in Government and earned his MPA degree from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University. Prior to arriving at NJN, Aron was a magazine writer and editor for Rolling Stone, Harper's and New Jersey Monthly.

Richard C. Leone
President
The Century Foundation

Currently head of the Century Foundation, a public policy research foundation in New York City, Richard Leone served as manager of Brendan T. Byrne's 1973 and 1977 campaigns, chair of the governor-elect's transition committee in 1973, and as State Treasurer 1974-77. Previously, he was executive director of the White House Task Force on the Cities, administrative assistant to Governor Richard J. Hughes and executive assistant to U.S. Senator George McGovern. After resigning as State Treasurer, he subsequently was the President of the New York Mercantile Exchange and a Managing Director at Dillon Read & Co., Inc., an investment banking firm. His analytical and opinion pieces have appeared in *The New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *Foreign Affairs*, and *The Nation*. Mr. Leone was appointed by Governor Thomas H. Kean as a commissioner and chairman of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey from 1988 to 1994. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the National Academy of Social Insurance. Following the election of Jon S. Corzine in 2004, he served as the chair of the governor-elect's transition committee and subsequently was named by Governor Corzine as chair of the New Jersey Commission on Government Efficiency and Reform. He earned his Ph.D. at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University and was a member of the faculty there before and after his government service.

Alan Sagner
President, Alan Sagner Companies

Alan Sagner, a principal in his family-owned residential real estate development and construction firm, served as finance chairman of the 1973 Byrne gubernatorial campaign. After the election, he was named as commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation, serving during the Governor's first term from 1974 to 1977. He was appointed by the Governor to the board of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and was elected board chair from 1977 until 1985. He was nominated in 1994 by President Clinton to the board of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and served as chairman from September 1996 to September 1997. He has been an active fundraiser and contributor to federal, and state campaigns and a prominent philanthropist through The Sagner Family Foundation. He was previously a co-owner of *The Nation* magazine. He is a member of the board of The Century Foundation and several other nonprofit corporations.

Jerry Fitzgerald English, Esq.
Member of the Firm
Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper

Jerry Fitzgerald English served in the legislative and executive branches of the State as a State Senator and counsel to the New Jersey Senate, and as legislative counsel to Governor Byrne and Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection. She was appointed by Governor Byrne as a Commissioner of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Currently she is a member of the law firm of Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper. She is an editor of the *New Jersey Law Journal* and co-chair of the American Bar Association Environmental Litigation Committee on CERCLA and Hazardous Waste, and is a life fellow of the American Bar Association Foundation. Mrs. English is an adjunct instructor at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. She is a graduate of Stanford University and Boston College Law School and also attended Harvard Law School.

John J. Degnan, Esq.
Vice Chairman and Chief Administrative Officer
Chubb Corporation

John Degnan has been vice chairman and chief administrative officer of the Chubb Corporation since 2002, after previously serving as Chubb president. After practicing law in Newark, he joined the Byrne Administration in 1974 as an assistant counsel to the Governor and was subsequently named as deputy counsel and later as the Governor's executive secretary. Following the Governor's re-election to a second term in 1977, he was named Attorney General of New Jersey, serving in that post until resigning in 1981 to return to private practice. He also was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor in 1981, and subsequently was a partner in a major law firm prior to joining Chubb as general counsel to its insurance unit. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School and St. Vincent College and was a law clerk for the late Justice John Francis on the New Jersey Supreme Court

Harold L. Hodes
Senior Partner
Public Strategies/Impact

Harold L. Hodes served as deputy chief of staff and subsequently as chief of staff to Governor Byrne during the Governor's second term from January 1978 to January 1982. Prior to joining Governor Byrne's staff, he was executive assistant to Newark Mayor Kenneth Gibson. He is currently senior partner of Public Strategies/Impact, a government and public relations firm in Trenton. Mr. Hodes serves as a Commissioner on the New Jersey Turnpike Board and as a member of the Board of Trustees of Monmouth University. He is also a visiting professor at the Eagleton Institute of Politics where he teaches a course on political campaigning. He is active in state and national Democratic Party politics and has advised both presidential and gubernatorial campaigns. Mr. Hodes was the first president of the New Jersey Devils National Hockey League team. Mr. Hodes holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Monmouth University.

Richard L. McCormick
President
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Richard L. McCormick became the 19th president of Rutgers on December 1, 2002. Prior to being named Rutgers president, he served as president of the University of Washington (1995–2002) and as vice chancellor and provost at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1992–1995). He started his academic career at Rutgers as an assistant professor of History and was subsequently named professor of history (1985), chair of the Department of History (1987-1989), and dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (1989-1992). He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Amherst College in American studies in 1969 and a Doctor of Philosophy in History in 1976 from Yale University. In 1985, he held a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship as well as a Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Fellowship. Author of three books and numerous articles, he is a recognized scholar in American political history. His late father, Richard P. McCormick, was a prominent Rutgers professor known for his publications and research in New Jersey history. President McCormick is active in several national and international higher education bodies,

Donald Linky
Senior Policy Fellow
Eagleton Institute of Politics

Don Linky has been a visiting professor and senior policy fellow at the Eagleton Institute since September 2001. He is also president of Joshua Communications, a publishing and information research firm. During the Byrne Administration, Don served as an assistant counsel to the governor; director of the governor's office of policy and planning and, during the last year of the Administration, also as counsel to the governor. Don has previously practiced law with major New Jersey firms and served as general counsel to the New Jersey Business and Industry Association. He is the editor of *The New Jersey Directory: The Insider Guide to New Jersey Leaders*, *The New Jersey Almanac* and has been a columnist for New Jersey Reporter, New Jersey Business and the Business Journal of New Jersey magazine. He served as a law clerk for Justice Hayden Proctor of the Supreme Court of New Jersey. He is a graduate of Harvard law School and Dartmouth College and also attended the London School of Economics.

Daniel J. Tichenor
Associate Professor of Political Science and
Research Professor
Eagleton Institute of Politics

Professor Tichenor's research interests include executive and legislative politics, social movements, interest groups, immigration and citizenship, public policy, and history and politics. He has been a Visiting Faculty Scholar at the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics at Princeton University, a Research Fellow in Governmental Studies at the Brookings Institution, and the Abba P. Schwartz Fellow of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library. He currently serves on the editorial boards of the Journal of Politics and Polity, and he is an affiliated faculty member of the Center for Migration and Development, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University and the Center for Comparative Immigration Studies at the University of California, San Diego. He is author of *Dividing Lines: The Politics of Immigration Control in America* (Princeton University Press), which won the American Political Science Association's 2003 Gladys M. Kammerer Award for the best book in American national policy. He also received the Jack Walker Prize and the Mary Parker Follett Award for work on interest groups and social movements in American political development and the Emerging Scholar Award of APSA's Political Organizations and Parties Section. He is currently finishing two forthcoming books: *Abiding Interests: Participation, Representation and the Development of the Washington Lobbying Community* (Cambridge University Press) and *An Uneasy Nation of Immigrants* (University of Michigan Press). He received his B.A. from Earlham College and his Ph.D. from Brandeis University.

Ron Becker
Head
Special Collections and University Archives, Rutgers University Libraries

Ron Becker has been at Special Collections since 1974 (head since 1991), coming here from the New Jersey Historical Society, and has been involved in building, preserving, and providing access to historical primary source materials ever since. He is currently chair of the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission, on the board of the New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance, New Jersey State Historical Records Advisory Board, and Advocates for New Jersey History. He has spoken widely on New Jersey history and archives topics. He

holds a B.A. from Duke University; a masters degree in history from Rutgers; and a masters of library science from the Rutgers Graduate School of Library Service.

Alan Rosenthal
Professor of Public Policy and Political Science,
Eagleton Institute of Politics

Alan served as director of the Institute from 1974-1994. He has supervised comprehensive studies of legislative organization and procedures and has worked with legislatures in over 30 states. In 1992 and 2001 he was selected to be the independent member and to chair the New Jersey Congressional Redistricting Commission. His awards include the Governor's Award for Public Service in New Jersey and the American Political Science Association's Charles E. Merriam Award honoring a person whose published work and career represent a significant contribution to the art of government through the application of social science research. He holds a Ph.D. from Princeton and a B.A. from Harvard. His writing on state legislatures and state politics includes *Legislative Life; Governors and Legislatures; The Third House: Lobbyists and Lobbying in The States; Drawing the Line: Legislative Ethics in the States; The Decline of Representative Democracy; and Republic on Trial: The Case for Representative Democracy*, with John Hibbing, Burdett Loomis, and Karl Kurtz. His latest book is *Heavy Lifting: The Job of the American Legislature*.

Robert E. Mulcahy, III
Director of Athletics, Rutgers University

Robert Mulcahy served as Governor Byrne's chief of staff from the commencement of the Governor's second term in January 1978 until resigning in 1979 to accept the position as president and chief executive of the New Jersey Sports & Exposition Authority, where he served for 19 years until being named athletic director of Rutgers University in 1998. Prior to joining the Governor's staff, he served during the first term of the Administration as deputy commissioner of the Department of Institutions & Agencies and as the first commissioner of the newly-created Department of Corrections. He currently serves on the Board of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, is Chair of its Awards Committee, is an honorary member of the American Football Coaches' Association, and serves or has served on the boards of several business and charitable corporations. He is a 1958 graduate of Villanova University and has received several awards from his alma mater, including the Medal of Excellence from the College of Arts and Sciences, the Alumni Medal, and the James "Jumbo" Elliot Achievement Award. Other honors include the Knight of St. Gregory medal, received from Pope John Paul II, and the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

Albert Burstein, Esq.
Member of the Firm
Herten, Burstein, Sheridan, Cevasco, Bottinelli, Litt, & Harz.

Albert Burstein was a member of the New Jersey General Assembly from 1972 to 1982 and served a term as Majority Leader. He also served as Chairman of the Assembly Education Committee from 1974-75 and again from 1980-81, and was the sponsor of Title 19A, a total revision of the State's election laws, and the Gubernatorial Public Financing Law of 1974. During his public service, he was instrumental in the study and passage of legislation concerning education, probate law reform, codes of ethics, capital budgeting and planning, real estate and employer-employee relations. He has practiced law for more than four

decades, and is currently a member of the Hackensack law firm of Herten, Burstein, Sheridan, Cevasco, Bottinelli, Litt, & Harz. Mr. Burstein is a New Jersey Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, a member of the American Council of Trusts and Estates Counsel, Chair of the New Jersey Law Revision Commission, former Chairman of the Bergen County District Ethics Committee, former member of the New Jersey Law Journal editorial board and a member of the state's Quality Education Act Study Commission. He is a graduate of Columbia College and Columbia University School of Law.

William Hamilton, Esq.
Attorney at Law

William Hamilton is an attorney in his own firm in New Brunswick. He was elected to the General Assembly in 1971 and re-elected in 1973 and 1975, serving as co-chair of the Joint Appropriations Committee in 1973; majority leader in 1976 and speaker in 1977. He was elected to the Senate in 1977 and was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor in 1981. He served as first assistant United States Attorney in Florida from 1962 to 1967. He is a former member of the National Conference of State Legislators Executive Committee and the New Jersey Capital Budgeting and Planning Commission. He is a graduate of Rutgers University and the Georgetown Law Center.

Herbert C. Klein, Esq.
Partner
Nowell Amoroso Klein Bierman

Herbert Klein served as an elected member of the House of Representatives, for the 8th Congressional District of New Jersey from January 1993 to January 1995. While in Congress, he was a member of the House Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, Financial Institutions Subcommittee, and co-authored the Interstate Banking Act; He also was a member of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology, Subcommittee on Technology and Energy. He served in the General Assembly of New Jersey 1971-1976 and subsequently was named in 1976 by Governor Byrne as special consultant on automobile insurance. Mr. Klein has been an attorney since 1956 and is currently a partner with the Hackensack law firm of Nowell Amoroso Klein Bierman, focused on real estate, corporate matters and government relations. He has also been a trustee of the Democratic National Committee. President and Trustee of Beth Israel Hospital of Passaic, Currently, he is a Member of the Board of Overseers of Rutgers University and previously served as a member of its Board of Trustees. He is a graduate of Rutgers University and Harvard Law School and also holds a master of laws degree in taxation from New York University Law School. He was a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force from 1954 through 1956.

Harold Martin
Retired, former Assemblyman

Harold Martin served in the New Jersey General Assembly for three terms after first being elected in 1973, the year Brendan Byrne was elected governor. He was a Bergen County freeholder from 1965 to 1967. He is a former director of Circuit Foil Corp. and of Delta Coils Co. and was an account executive with a Wall Street investment firm. Previously, he was a sales representative for 15 years in the electronics industry. He is an overseer emeritus of the Rutgers University Foundation. He is a graduate of Rutgers University with bachelor's and master's degrees. He served in the Army doing counter-intelligence work from 1943 to 1946, and was discharged with the rank of second lieutenant.

John Weingart
Associate Director,
Eagleton Institute of Politics

John Weingart also serves as Chair of New Jersey's Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council. Before coming to Eagleton, John worked in New Jersey state government, focusing on environmental and land use issues. His posts included serving as Director of the Division of Coastal Resources and Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection during the Byrne Administration, and subsequently as Executive Director of the state's Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility Siting Board. His publications include the Eagleton Institute study, "Another Government Success Story: Citizen Volunteers on New Jersey State Boards and Commissions;" and the books, *Waste Is A Terrible Thing To Mind: Risk, Radiation, and Distrust of Government* (written with Arthur E. Levine) which was named "Book of the Year" by the American Council on Education. On Sunday nights, John hosts *Music You Can't Hear On The Radio*, New Jersey's longest-running folk music and bluegrass radio show, on WPRB-FM and WPRB.com. He holds a B.A. in Sociology from Brandeis University and a Master's in Public Affairs from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School.

David Bardin, Esq.
Counsel
Arent Fox Kintner Plotkin & Kahn

David Bardin is counsel to and a retired member of the Washington, D.C., based law firm Arent Fox Kintner Plotkin & Kahn. He served as commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection in the Byrne Administration from 1975 to 1977. He left New Jersey in 1977 to accept appointment by President Carter as deputy administrator of the Federal Energy Administration and subsequently was named Administrator of the Economic Regulatory Administration, in the newly-established US Department of Energy. From 1970 to 1972, he was assistant to the Attorney General of Israel, dealing with public utilities, administrative and environmental law. From 1972 to 1974, he was a self-employed attorney and consultant in Jerusalem and Washington, serving as counsel to the Israel National Council for Research and Development, counsel to the Environmental Protection Service. From 1958 to 1969, he worked as an attorney for the Federal Power Commission, including serving as deputy general counsel. He received an A.B. degree from Columbia College in 1954 and an LL.B. from Columbia University Law in 1956.

Louis J. Gambaccini
Senior Fellow
Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center
Rutgers University

Louis Gambaccini was named by Governor Byrne as commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation in 1977 and, among other initiatives. He resigned as commissioner in 1981 to return to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey as deputy executive director, where he had begun his career and advanced to senior management positions over a 29-year tenure. In 1988, he was named general manager of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA), leaving that position in 1997. He is former director of the National Transit Institute at Rutgers University and a former member of the Rutgers Board of Trustees. He is currently a senior fellow at the Alan M. Voorhees

Transportation Center of Rutgers University. He is a graduate of the University of Connecticut, and holds a masters degree in public administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University.

Michael Fedorko
Commissioner
State of New Jersey Casino Control Commission

Michael Fedorko has been a commissioner of the Casino Control Commission since being nominated by Governor Christine Todd Whitman upon his retirement from the State Police as acting superintendent on November 1, 1999. In 2004, he was nominated for a second five-year term on the Casino Control Commission by Governor McGreevey. Prior to his retirement from the State Police, he had served in various positions since joining the force in 1969, including lieutenant colonel, deputy superintendent and acting superintendent during 1999. He is a graduate of Trenton State College, and earned a Masters in Governmental Administration from the University of Pennsylvania. He also attended the Management Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He serves on the board of the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority. A Marine Corps veteran who was wounded in action in Viet Nam in 1967, in 2006 he was appointed as the New Jersey Liaison to the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

Betty Wilson
Chairperson
New Jersey Pinelands Commission

Betty Wilson has held elected office at the municipal level as well as a member of the New Jersey General Assembly from 1974 to 1976. From 1976 to 1980 during the Byrne Administration, Ms. Wilson served as Assistant Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection. While at the DEP, Ms. Wilson handled Pinelands planning efforts following Governor Byrne's February 1979 signing of Executive Order 71 which established a planning process for the Pinelands and authorized creation of the first Pinelands Commission. She later served as Associate Director for Recreational Programs at the US Department of the Interior. Actively involved in civic and volunteer work, Ms. Wilson has served as Chairperson of the Burlington City Historic Preservation Commission as well as a Trustee of the Pinelands Preservation Alliance, Whitesbog Preservation Trust and Family Service of Burlington, among other organizations. She is a summa cum laude graduate of Jersey City State College, now New Jersey City University.

Biography of Brendan T. Byrne

The Administration of Governor Brendan T. Byrne was marked by a series of landmark measures that have had continuing impact on New Jersey through

- **adopting a program for protecting the resources of the New Jersey Pinelands covering nearly a third of the state's land area;**
- **implementing fiscal reform in the financing and oversight of public education, including enacting the state's first income tax and the first mandatory caps on government spending;**
- **approving the commencement of casino gambling in Atlantic City and overseeing the City's redevelopment;**
- **creating the Department of the Public Advocate, the State's first agency protecting the public interest in consumer issues, housing and access to beaches and other natural resources;**
- **establishing New Jersey Transit, the first statewide public transit agency in the nation;**
- **enacting the Spill Compensation and Control Act, the model for the national Superfund program to protect against toxic spills and finance the cleanup of hazardous sites;**
- **developing the financing program supporting the construction of Giants Stadium and subsequently the indoor sports and entertainment arena in the Meadowlands;**
- **modernizing the State's criminal code and sentencing guidelines;**
- **restoring the Hudson waterfront, including the opening of Liberty State Park, the most visited State park;**
- **authorizing the nation's first program for the public financing of gubernatorial elections;**
- **developing the State's first water supply plan and constructing reservoirs and other infrastructure;**
- **expanding public access to government and the political processes through the so-called "Sunshine Law";**
- **creating the State Economic Development Authority to attract business investment and jobs to the state; and establishing a process for the independent review and appeal of administrative actions by State agencies;**
and
- **restoring public confidence in the integrity of government officials.**

While in office, Governor Byrne's Administration also confronted such emergencies as the Three Mile Island nuclear accident in neighboring Pennsylvania; the energy crisis provoked by the Arab oil embargo requiring compulsory restrictions on energy use; the failure of the Trenton water supply plant requiring emergency construction of a temporary pipeline to restore water distribution to the City; and several natural disasters, including hurricanes and floods. The Governor also restructured the State's emergency response units, consolidating civil defense and other functions under the State Police.

Other controversies during the Byrne Administration included the legal proceedings challenging the murder conviction of former boxing champion Ruben "Hurricane" Carter; the Karen Ann Quinlan case establishing national precedents relating to family rights in "right to die" situations; and the efforts by the widow of Bruno Hauptmann, who had been executed in the Trenton State Prison on April 3, 1936 for the kidnap and murder of the infant son of famed aviator Charles Lindbergh, to reopen the case.

Governor Byrne was born in West Orange on April 1, 1924. His father, Francis A. Byrne, served for 15 years on the municipal governing body of West Orange and was appointed by successive governors to terms on the State Tax Commission.

Brendan Byrne graduated from West Orange High School in 1942, where he served as president of the debating club and senior class president. He briefly attended Seton Hall University in South Orange before leaving in March 1943 to enlist in the Army Air Corps. As a navigator during World War II, he won the Distinguished Flying Cross and four Air Medals before his discharge in September 1945, having attained the rank of lieutenant with the 414th Bomb Squadron of the 15th Air Force. He subsequently serves in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. After his discharge, he enrolls in Princeton University with the help of financial aid under the G.I. Bill.

In 1949, he received his B.A from the Princeton University, majoring in its School of Public and International Affairs. He received his law degree from Harvard University and was admitted to the New Jersey bar in 1951.

After serving his legal clerkship with Judge Joseph Weintraub—who later became Chief Justice of New Jersey--Governor Byrne practiced law with the Newark firm of John W. McGeehan Jr.. He later joined the firm of Teltser and Greenberg in East Orange.

Mr. Byrne was appointed an assistant counsel to Governor Robert B. Meyner in October, 1955; Governor Meyner's acting executive secretary in 1956, and deputy attorney general in charge of the Essex County Prosecutor's Office in 1958.

Governor Meyner named him to a full five-year term as Essex County prosecutor in July 1959, and he was re-appointed by Governor Richard J. Hughes in 1964. In 1968, Governor Hughes appointed him president of the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners, where he served until 1970, when he was appointed to the Superior Court by Governor William T. Cahill.

During his service as a judge, he was designated by the Chief Justice in 1972 as assignment judge for Morris, Sussex and Warren Counties. He resigned as a judge in April, 1973, to become a candidate for governor, his first attempt to run for an elected public office. He was encouraged to consider entering the gubernatorial race by key Democratic political leaders, who viewed his record as a judge and prosecutor as particularly attractive to voters in light of a series of corruption scandals that had implicated Republican State local officials, fundraisers and advisers and also to confront widespread public concern over soaring crime rates.

As a prosecutor, Mr. Byrne also had received media attention after the release of an FBI wiretap tape that recorded an alleged organized crime figure stating that Mr.

Byrne was a law enforcement official "...who couldn't be bought." He won the June Democratic primary election with 193,120 votes, a 76,000 vote margin over second-place finisher Anne Klein and a 98,000 vote margin over third-place finisher Ralph DeRose, a State Senator from Essex County. On November 6, 1973, he was elected governor by the then record plurality of 721,378 votes over Congressman Charles Sandman, who had defeated incumbent Governor William Cahill in the June Republican primary.

The controversial school finance and tax reform program, enacted in 1976, increased the state's share of public school costs to meet a State Supreme Court mandate in the Robinson v. Cahill decision, and provided a variety of other forms of property tax relief, all financed by the first State income tax. It included new programs of state revenue sharing, and property tax rebates to homeowners. The program, however, was approved only after the Supreme Court ordered public schools closed as of July 1, 1976, until the Legislature approved the package of legislation. The program also contributed to a sharp fall in public support for Governor Byrne, who had stated in his first campaign for Governor that he did not see the need for an income tax in "the foreseeable future". The Governor's perceived political weakness also led to challenges to his nomination for re-election in the 1977 Democratic primary by 10 opponents, including Congressmen Robert Roe and James Florio and Essex County State Senator Ralph DeRose, who had also been a primary candidate in 1973. The Governor won the primary with 175,448 votes, an approximate 40,000 vote margin over Congressman Roe; 75,000 vote margin over Senator De Rose; and 150,000 vote margin over Congressman Florio.

On November 8, 1977, Governor Byrne was elected in the November general election to a second term with 1,184,564 votes, a plurality of 295,684 over his Republican opponent, former State Senator Raymond H. Bateman. The election returns were viewed as a vindication of the governor's steadfast support of the school reform program and the imposition of the personal income tax, which had been enacted over bitter opposition during his first term. During the course of the campaign, the Governor overcame a 20-point lead for Senator Bateman in most polls , primarily by attacking as irresponsible the so-called "Bateman-Simon" proposed plan (named for the Senator and his key adviser former Nixon Administration Treasury Secretary William E. Simon) for replacing the 1976 income tax program.

Aided by the momentum of his surprising election victory, the Governor's second term was marked by a series of initiatives. These included reorganization of the Governor's staff through the creation of the position of chief-of-staff and the office of policy and planning that coordinated planning and development through the Cabinet Development Committee. Capital projects included the opening of new casino-hotels and other development in Atlantic City; the construction of major highway segments such as Interstate 287 and the expansion of the Atlantic City Expressway; the development and modernization of sewage and water supply facilities. In the last year of the Administration, the Governor also proposed added State capital support for urban redevelopment through the Community Development Bond Act, which later provided the seed money for the construction of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark and the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City. The Governor also proposed new tax incentives for urban investment, which later were adopted through passage of the State enterprise zone program.

After he left office in January 1982, Governor Byrne became a senior partner with the law firm currently known as Carella, Byrne, Bain, Gilfillan, Cecchi, Stewart & Olstein in Roseland, which includes Charles Carella, who had served as the Governor's executive secretary and executive director of the New Jersey Lottery Commission during his Administration. Governor Byrne also has served on the boards of directors of several corporations and nonprofit organizations, including The Prudential Life Insurance Company of America; Chelsea GA; Carvel Foundation; Elizabethtown Water Company; Jamesway Corporation; Mack-Cali Realty Company; New Jersey Chamber of Commerce; and the editorial board of the New Jersey Law Journal. Governor Byrne also has taught courses in political leadership and New Jersey government at Princeton University and Rutgers University and lectured at several other universities and colleges.

The Governor is married to Ruthi Zinn Byrne, who is president of Zinn, Graves & Field, a public relations firm. A prior marriage to the former Jean Featherly ended in divorce.

Governor Byrne and his first wife Jean had seven children. Their daughter Susan, born March 23, 1956, died on June 26, 2006: Their surviving children are Brendan Thomas Byrne Jr., born June 9, 1954; Nancy, November 10, 1957; Timothy, June 6, 1961; Mary Anne, August 13, 1963; Barbara, February 11, 1967; and William, September 27, 1969

Biographical Chronology

Source: Special Collections and University Archives, Rutgers University Libraries

- **1924**

Born April 1 in West Orange, New Jersey, the fourth of five children of Francis A. Byrne (1888-1973) and his spouse Genevieve (Brennan) Byrne. Francis, a long-time local politician, served as West Orange Tax Assessor, chair of the West Orange Zoning Board of Adjustment, West Orange Town Commissioner and member of the Essex County Tax Board.

- **1942**

Graduates from West Orange High School, where he served as president of the debating club and senior class president.

Enrolls at Seton Hall University.

- *In March, leaves Seton Hall to enlist in the Army Air Corp. His service as a B-17 navigator in the European Theater in World War II earns him the Distinguished Flying Cross, four Air Medals, and a Presidential Unit Citation.*

- *In September, is honorably discharged from military service, having attained the rank of lieutenant with the 414th Bomb Squadron of the 15th Air Force. He subsequently serves in the U.S. Air Force Reserve.*

Enrolls at Princeton University under the G.I. Bill.

- **1949**

*Graduates from Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs with an A.B. upon completion of the thesis *Proportional Representation in Municipal Government*, although his coursework is actually completed by the fall of 1948.*

- **1950**

Graduates from Harvard Law School with L.L.B. and begins clerking for Judge Joseph Weintraub.

- **1951**

In February, passes the New Jersey bar exam.

Begins law career at the firm of McGlynn, Weintraub and Stein. Byrne would also work as an associate of Newark lawyer John W. McGeehan.

Begins serving on the West Orange Planning Board and continues as a member until January 1, 1958.

- 1953

On June 27 marries Jean Featherly, a school teacher from West Orange, New Jersey.

- 1954

Jean Byrne gives birth to son Brendan T. "Tom" Byrne, Jr. The Byrnes eventually have six more children, Susan, Nancy, Timothy, Mary Anne, Barbara and William.

- 1955

Is appointed Deputy Attorney General to act as special prosecutor in Passaic County, New Jersey.

In October, is appointed Assistant Counsel to (Democratic) Governor Robert B. Meyner.

- 1956

In June, is appointed Acting Executive Secretary to Governor Robert B. Meyner.

- 1959

On February 16, is appointed Deputy Attorney General to serve as prosecutor in Essex County.

In July, is appointed to full term as Essex County Prosecutor by Governor Robert B. Meyner.

- 1964

Is appointed to second term as Essex County Prosecutor by (Democratic) Governor Richard J. Hughes, beginning September 2. During second term as prosecutor, serves as president of the County Prosecutor's Association of New Jersey and vice president of the National District Attorneys Association.

In December, begins program of filming drunk drivers for use in prosecution.

- 1965

In July, helps found Intercontinental Life Insurance Company. Serves as chairman of the board until his resignation in 1970.

- **1967**

On September 25, 200 cases, out of an original 801 regarding the July Newark riots, are brought to trial.

- **1968**

In January, is appointed President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utility Commissioners by Governor Richard J. Hughes.

In February, is appointed to the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards, on which he serves until 1970.

Newspaper reports quoting a transcript of a mob wiretap lead to Byrne's reputation as the "Man who could not be bought."

- **1970**

On December 8, is nominated for position as Superior Court Judge in Essex County by (Republican) Governor William T. Cahill.

Following the nomination, resigns all posts at the Intercontinental Life Insurance Company as well as his position as director at the Broad National Bank (Newark) and his partnership in the law firm of Teltser, Byrne and Greenberg (East Orange).

On December 30, is sworn in as Superior Court Judge.

- **1971**

On May 2, is the keynote speaker at a community rally organized following the April 18 bombing of the West Orange Jewish Center.

In October, rules that current procedures for administering the death penalty in New Jersey are unconstitutional. (A new death penalty law would not be enacted until after Byrne's term as Governor ended in 1982.)

- **1972**

In July, is appointed Assignment Judge for New Jersey's Morris, Sussex and Warren Counties.

New Jersey Supreme Court mandates a "thorough and efficient" education, known as the Robinson-Cahill mandate, effectively declaring the need for an income tax for adequate and equitable public school funding.

- **1973**

On April 24, tenders resignation as Superior Court Judge and enters the Democratic Gubernatorial primary.

On June 5, defeats Ralph DeRose and Anne Klein in the Democratic primary, winning the party's nomination for Governor.

On November 6, is elected Governor of New Jersey, defeating United States Representative Charles Sandman by 721,000 votes, the largest plurality in the state's history.

- **1974**

On January 15, is inaugurated as the 54th Governor of New Jersey.

In February, imposes mandatory "odd-even" gas rationing in response to the gas crisis, allowing filling based on the last digit of a car's license plate.

In March, the Byrne family moves into Morven, the Governor's mansion in Princeton, leaving Byrne's life-long home of West Orange.

On May 2, the General Assembly sends to Governor Byrne for his signature a measure creating the Delaware and Raritan State Park.

On May 6, signs campaign finance law providing for the public financing of gubernatorial races in the general election.

On June 3, receives honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Rutgers University, an honor accorded each incoming governor by the State University. After previously receiving an honorary degree from Seton Hall University (May 18, 1974), he receives additional honorary degrees from other New Jersey institutions, including Seton Hall University, William Paterson College, Bloomfield College and Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Creates new cabinet level post of Public Advocate.

Establishes Economic Development Authority to provide businesses with low interest loans.

Begins service as ex-officio trustee at Princeton University and serves until 1982.

- **1975**

Signs the Open Public Meetings Act, also known as the Sunshine Law.

Signs the Public Education Act, mandating statewide student proficiency standards.

- **1976**

In May, joins other U.S. Governors on a trip to Ireland in celebration of the United States' Bicentennial.

On July 4, several schools close as per state Supreme Court mandate. As a consequence, signs New Jersey's first income tax into law later that month, after earlier incarnations had been rejected by the State Legislature beginning in July 1974. Tax reforms for this year also include the inception of the Homestead Rebate Program, offering property tax relief to homeowners.

On September 1, Meadowlands Racetrack holds its inaugural harness race.

On October 10, the New York Giants play their inaugural game at Giants Stadium in the Meadowlands against the Dallas Cowboys.

In November, a state constitutional amendment passes allowing for casino gambling.

- **1977**

By April, is being referred to in newspaper and magazine articles as "One Term Byrne," due to the unpopularity of initiatives such as the income tax.

On June 2, signs the Casino Control Act, officially legalizing casino gambling in Atlantic City.

On June 7, defeats nine opponents, including Representative Robert Roe and James J. Florio, to win the Democratic nomination for Governor.

On November 8, defeats Republican State Senator Raymond H. Bateman by 300,000 votes, winning re-election as Governor of New Jersey.

- **1978**

On January 17, is inaugurated as Governor of New Jersey for a second term.

On March 3, pocket vetoes a bill to reinstate the death penalty in New Jersey. Several months later, vetoes a similar bill.

In April, Byrne and his family embark on a publicly-criticized, ten-day vacation and business trip to Asia.

In October, embarks on a week-long vacation and trade mission to Israel.

- **1979**

In February, imposes an eighteen-month building moratorium in the Pinelands by executive order, thereby compelling the legislature to act on the issue.

On June 28, signs the Pinelands Preservation Act, restricting development across nearly one-fifth of New Jersey's total area.

In July, along with other governors, attends summit at Camp David on domestic and energy policies. Photographs taken at the summit by Byrne later appear in Newsweek.

On September 1, a new penal code, which legalizes, among other things, homosexuality and social gambling, goes into effect, after nearly ten years of study and debate in the legislature.

Extends public financing of gubernatorial elections to the primaries.

Signs Public Transportation Act, forming New Jersey Transit Corporation.

- **1980**

In the spring, hosts a twelve-week seminar at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, entitled Workshop in New Jersey Policy and Politics.

- **1981**

In June, attends the World Trade Centers General Assembly in Moscow.

In July, the Meadowlands Arena opens, bearing the name Brendan Byrne Arena.

In September, embarks on an investment mission to Italy and France.

- **1982**

In January, steps down as Governor of New Jersey following the completion of his second full term, and moves from Morven into a private residence in Princeton.

Joins the Roseland, New Jersey, law firm of Carella, Bain, Gilfillan and Rhodes as a partner where he represents, among others, Carvel Ice Cream. The firm later changes its name to Carella, Byrne, Bain and Gilfillan.

Becomes a director of the Elizabethtown Water Company and serves on its board until 2000.

- **1985**

In November, is appointed Chair of the Council on New Jersey Affairs, a position he holds until 1989.

- 1988

On September 7, is elected to the Board of Directors of Ingersoll-Rand Co.

- 1989

In January, begins serving as a commissioner of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority for a four-year term ending in January 1993.

- 1993

Marriage to Jean Byrne is ended by divorce decree.

- 1994

In August, marries public relations executive Ruth Zinn.

Becomes a director of the Mack-Cali Realty Corporation.

Brendan T. Byrne Jr. is elected New Jersey Democratic Party Chair.

- 1996

In January, the Brendan Byrne Arena is renamed the Continental Airlines Arena as part of a corporate sponsorship deal.

- 2002

On July 24, Lebanon State Forest, located in the Pinelands, is renamed Brendan T. Byrne State Forest.

- 2006

On June 26, his daughter Susan dies as a result of an accidental fall in Princeton at age 50.

Additional Information:

Following his tenure as Governor, Byrne also served, or serves, on the boards of Prudential Insurance Company of America, New Jersey Bell Telephone Company, Jamesway Corporation and Chelsea Property Group, Inc. He currently lives in Short Hills, New Jersey.



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