

1 authority shall hereafter be granted which authorizes the
2 taking or damaging of private property by private persons,
3 firms, or corporations for any public use or purpose, any
4 such specific authority hereafter granted shall be limited
5 to a specific purpose or purposes and shall be exercisable
6 during such period of time that may be necessary to
7 acquire the property by condemnation.

8 Such period shall for no event extend for longer
9 than three years. In granting any such specific authority
10 the advance taking of property shall not be preferred but
11 may be exercised only upon the showing of an immediate
12 and urgent necessity.

13 Briefly, that means this: and I don't know, and
14 I think I expressed some concern to you, because of the
15 limitations more or less of powers in the state govern-
16 ment and reservation of powers into the local subdivisions,
17 those powers that are not specifically retained by the
18 state I think under the local government provision are
19 retained in the counties and it occurs to me that
20 probably the right of eminent domain which was exercisable
21 formerly only by the sovereign state might then be