

1 indefinite. The intention was to restrict that power
2 more by requiring the Governor to find that such destruc-
3 tion is imminent. More than a possibility but a
4 probability.

5 DELEGATE WHEATLEY: The intention is not only
6 to clarify but to restrict, is that correct?

7 DELEGATE BAMBERGER: It is at least an intention
8 to clarify. It may well have been that some people thought
9 "may occur" was imminent, was a probability rather than
10 a possibility.

11 DELEGATE WHEATLEY: Speaking in opposition to
12 the amendment, Mr. Chairman, it was the intention of the
13 committee, if I summarize it correctly, after discussing
14 the exact words suggested in the amendment, "is imminent,"
15 that "imminent" connotes immediacy. That might not be the
16 type of restriction we wish to place upon a Governor. In
17 fact, one member of the committee, if I remember correctly,
18 looked up the definition of the word and we were more
19 convinced that the imminency of the situation might not
20 be the type of thing we want. Imminent, as the definition
21 stated, requires something to be on the precipice. We