

1 felt, number one, if I am wrong, any member of the committee
2 may correct me, that imminent was too extreme a term, that
3 hurricanes might be probable or possible, but we should not
4 say they are imminent in that he must wait until the last
5 moment to call out the militia. This is too restrictive.

6 Second part of the use of the words "may
7 occur" was to allow the Governor a retrospective view in
8 that after some great damage had occurred in which there
9 was no forecast, he might then call out the militia to
10 assist in an after the fact recognition.

11 Certainly there is no great pride in the use
12 of the words "may occur" but the intent of the committee
13 is clear, I believe, that we wish to give the Governor
14 latitude when life and property is at stake not to have to
15 wait until the last possible moment to determine if it
16 is imminent but may be probable and may be even possible
17 and for that reason we suggest words "it may occur" would
18 be too ambiguous. We would certainly welcome other words, I
19 am sure, that might be more of a clarifying term but
20 certainly the intent is to provide both prospective and
21 retrospective recognition of the Governor's responsibilities