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early, I've been there late and seen judges working in their chambers. I can't stand and defend and tell you that this is all a perfect structure that we have, but it is the structure we have and the need is there and so I would ask for your support to advance LB 880.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Chizek was closing on the advancement of LB 880. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 880.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 880 is advanced. The Chair is pleased to note, in addition to raising the call, that a distinguished guest is under the north balcony, a former member of this Legislature, now United States Congressman Douglas Bereuter. Congressman Bereuter. Thank you for coming back, Congressman, it's nice to see you. As previously announced, we will move over 1055, Mr. Clerk, and proceed to LB 1018.

CLERK: Mr. President, 1018 was a bill introduced by Senators Abboud and Beck. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 8 of this year, referred to Judiciary for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the Judiciary Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chizek for the introduction of the committee amendments.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Mr. Speaker, colleagues, as said, 1018, LB 1018 is Senator Abboud's priority bill. I'll let him explain the details of the bill. Essentially it provides a penalty for what has more recently been called "drive-by shootings". The bill as written may have been interpreted to also prohibit firing blanks from a gun or simply discharging a gun in the air near a building or vehicle. In order to be sure that the bill was used for the purpose it was introduced, the committee amendment adds clarifying language that requires that any firearm used in violation of LB 1018 has fired bullets or other projectiles which hits those objects defined in the bill. I have talked