

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Abboud, would you care to open on your bill?

**SENATOR ABOUD:** Yes, Mr. President, colleagues, this bill provides for the changing of a law dealing with the firing of a weapon, discharging of a firearm at an inhabited dwelling, occupied building, occupied motor vehicle or occupied aircraft. The weapon has to be fired, a projectile has to hit either the occupied house, the occupied building, the occupied aircraft or motor vehicle. That's what we adopted with the committee amendments. It provides for the penalty of a Class IV felony. We have had some problems throughout the state, and more importantly, the Omaha area dealing with individuals taking shots at occupied homes and dwellings as well as motor vehicles. We've seen a substantial increase. Back in 1986 these were more or less never quite heard from and at this time it's a very serious problem and I think this will go a long way to helping to solve the problem. I move the advancement of the bill.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. Discussion on the advancement of 1018. Senator Beck, followed by Senators Ashford, Chambers and Abboud. Senator Beck, please.

**SENATOR BECK:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just rise to support Senator Abboud's bill, LB 1018. I have signed on to that with him. I'd like to see it move forward and I think that to ignore a problem and look the other way is perhaps most of us would like to do, but we do see a problem of this increasing, a random violent reaction and it has come very, very close to my district, and I have had a number of calls from people who are afraid to let their children go down to the 7-Elevens and so forth that are in the district. In fact, it's just a couple of blocks from my district at a 7-Eleven a lady was pumping gas and her car was hit by a stray bullet and this was in the newspaper. I think it's a problem. We know that in a sense it is probably a symptom of a problem, but it is necessary that we do what we can to stop this because innocent people are concerned and worried and we don't want any kind of a wave of hysteria or wave of fear. And I think that this 1018 is a good bill and that it does have a considerable penalty to it and I think it would make people with guns think, should make them think a long time before they attempt to use those against the people in the districts by shooting at their homes, et cetera, et cetera. And I just again want to support Senator Abboud from the fact that this is a community safety bill and it is something that we