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defendant was convicted; the right to make an oral or written impact statement for a presentence investigation report, prepared by the Probation Office; the right to make a statement at sentencing, and to submit a statement for pardon, commutation, Board of Parole, or conditional release proceedings, and be notified of any decision made thereon. A victim may either submit a written statement to the sentencing court, or read the impact statement at the sentencing proceeding that the victim submitted for inclusion in the presentence investigation, the presentence investigation being an established part of our process. When an appeal is filed in a criminal case involving a victim, the Attorney General will notify the victim of...and shall notify the victim of his or her rights, give an explanation of the appeal process, tell whether the defendant has been released on bail, the time and place of proceedings, the result of the appeal, and the final disposition. When a prisoner has been sentenced or imprisoned under the Department of Correctional Services or a community...pardon me, county corrections agency, the agency shall provide any victim with information about the prisoner, as well as information explaining the victim's rights. If a prisoner who has committed a crime against a victim escapes, the victim shall be notified immediately. A victim's rights may be waived by such a victim at any time, by either a written consent filed with the clerk of court, in order that this process would then not be effected upon them, so to speak; or they can make an oral consent to waive their rights in open court, as is established procedure. This bill which we are offering as AM2019 was advanced by your Judiciary Committee unanimously, those present, 7 votes in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 absent. I believe this is good work, responsive to the will of the people as expressed in the adoption of the 1996 victims' rights amendment to the Nebraska Constitution, and that we are here, again, as we are in LB 270 proper, we are making our laws work for the people. I would urge the adoption of AM2019. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. You've heard the opening on AM2019 to LB 270. Mr. Clerk, motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Foley would move to amend Senator