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linguist who used to play for the Yankees, and then lastly, of course, there was the all-time great baseball pitcher, Satchell Paige. As you know, Senator Hefner, I was up home a week ago Sunday and visited with Mom there on Mother's Day and we had our annual schafskopf game and all that. Mom had her schnapps in good order. Some of you will recall that German tradition and all that. But as I was leaving she reminded me of Terry Carpenter's appraisal of the Unicameral and politics generally, and her advice to me was, remember now they can fool you vunce (sic) or twice, Babe...she still calls me Babe, but not the second time, and of course the great thinker, Yogi Berra, made a great impression on me when he once observed that on going into a crowded cafe, no wonder nobody comes here the place is just too crowded, and he later said, you can obsoive(sic) an awful lot by just watching. And you sure can. Now as to Satchell Paige, the third of my favorite philosophers, he's best remembered, of course, for his statement about not looking back, someone may be gaining on you, and also and more importantly he advised, don't get too social or political, it stirs up the juices too much. And I say that it has been a good year, that you have lived up to your philosophies that I feel very, very strongly about, that politics is, of course, a serious business, and we must always take our jobs seriously. But I don't think really politicians and officeholders should take themselves all this too darn seriously. I think, frankly, from my experience that too many congressmen, governors, to be sure and state senators do stir up the juices maybe some time too much. I think we wear the world on the shoulders...the weight of the world on our shoulders a little, and I have been a legislative observer for many, many years, and needless to say this year I have watched from an entirely new perspective. As your new Governor I had to hit the ground on January 4th, Inauguration Day. You were ready in session here, and with then my feet being in motion, or to paraphrase Senator Venditte...we have had to tread on thin water here, and as Senator Cullan knows, we just have had to shoulder the bear. Of course, Shirley Marsh has been sending messages to Iran. As I understand it from here, she is going to solve two of our pressing problems, energy and equal rights. Shirley, the message, as I understand it that you have been sending is to Ayatollah, devalue oil and not win it. But not everyone here apparently agrees with my assessment of this session. Senator DeCamp here just up and left right in the middle as you remember and traveled to India to get his head on