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WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—As "one of the senators from Kansas" Senator Curtis today addressed the senate in opposition to the revised resolution proposing to submit to the states a constitutional amendment for the election of the senators by direct vote. All through his speech he hurriedly attacked the amendment.

Senator Curtis said he was in favor of a constitutional amendment, but he was not willing it should be amended so congress would give up all its rights to make or alter the regulations of a state for the election of United States senators.

This, he said, was what the amended resolution would provide. The amended resolution, if its substance were approved by the states, would result in the states disfranchising heavy voters. If they so desired, without express being able to raise a hand, he said.

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Senator Brisson was an attentive listener, but made no reply, to his colleague.

PRINTED CARDS FOR THE VOTERS.—(Continued from First Page.)

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Movement of members of the senate committee in the morning indicated uncertainty as to what had been done and might be expected of the house committee.

Prisoners Expected.—Differences are expected to arise. Of the ten men delegated to make an investigation of the elections in Omaha six are democrats and four are republicans.

That there is a tendency on the part of democratic members of the committee to criticise the attitude of Governor Aldrich and override his expressed wishes is the expressed opinion of republican members of the investigation committee. That they will combat such efforts is evidenced by their declarations.

"Now that the investigation is under way, let it be an investigation," said Senator Hoagland, one of the two republican members of the senate committee.

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