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Legislature of North Carolina.

SENATE.

Friday, Feb 2, 1872

EXTRA session.

The Senate met at 4 1-2 o'clock, Mr President Warren in the chair.

ACCELERATIVE SUFFRAGE.

The special order, the bill to authorize cumulative suffrage for municipal elections in the city of Wilmington, and for other purposes, was considered.

Mr Merrimon was in support of cumulative suffrage and

The bill proposed to give to the city of Wilmington the powers of the city of Wilmington some representation in the Board of Aldermen. The effect of cumulative suffrage was to restrict the power of the intelligent and indigent negro voter. It was a step towards a great reform in government. The question was being agitated almost every where but on this occasion, where Republicans and Democrats alike favored and recommended it, but also to Europe, in Germany and in other countries and he regarded it as the most valuable improvement to the present system ever proposed by the wisdom of man since the establishment of representative government and its general introduction was only owing to the fact that it was not understood. Experiments could be inserted the discussion elucidated the question, and the equitable principles involved. Enlightened and invigorated by their rights they will be allowed and to responsible to the [illegible] the necessary steps to [illegible] concession, intimidation and violence to [illegible] the principle [illegible] opposed by the wisdom of ages since the establishment of representative government and its general introduction was only owing to the fact that it was not understood. Experiments could be inserted the discussion elucidated the question, and the equitable principles involved. Enlightened and invigorated by their rights they will be allowed and to responsible to the [illegible] the necessary steps to [illegible] concession, intimidation and violence to [illegible] the principle [illegible] opposed by the wisdom of ages since the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]