

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 20, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

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AMENDMENT proposed by Mr. KENNEDY to Mr. DAVIS's resolutions.

*Resolved*, That as the unity of government, ordained and established by the Constitution of the United States, is the main pillar in the edifice of our national existence, the support of our tranquillity at home, our peace abroad, of our safety, of our prosperity, and of that liberty we so justly prize, all should properly estimate the value of our constitutional union to our collective and individual happiness; and that all obstructions to the execution of the laws; all combinations and sectional organizations, under whatever plausible character, with the real design to direct, control, or counteract the deliberation and action of the constituted authorities, are destructive of this fundamental principle, and of fatal tendency.

*Resolved*, That the principles and purposes of the great northern party, which has, as lately authoritatively announced in this place, "but only one accepted and adopted policy," and is therefore based upon a single idea, and committed thereby to the continued agitation of the slavery question, to the neglect and detriment of the real and material interests of the country, are sectional, and tend to impair that more perfect union, to subvert that justice, to destroy that domestic tranquillity, to weaken that common defense, to retard that general welfare, and to imperil the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity which the Constitution of the United States of America was ordained and established to secure.

*Resolved*, That in respect to the Territories, the common property of the United States, it is the right of the citizens of the United States lawfully and permanently residing in any Territory thereof, to frame their constitution and laws, and to regulate their domestic and social affairs in their own mode, subject only to the provisions of the federal Constitution, with the privilege of admission into the Union whenever they have the requisite population for one representative in Congress. *Provided, always*, That none but those who are citizens of the United States under the Constitution and laws thereof, and who have a fixed residence in any such Territory, ought to participate in the formation of the constitution, or in the enactment of laws for said Territory or State.