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REBUFF TO WOMEN BY HOUSE CAUCUS

Democratic Majority Holds Suffrage Is State, Not National, Issue.

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[BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]
Washington, D. C., Feb. 3.—[Special.]—Woman suffrage is a state, not a national, question. This was the pronouncement of the caucus of the Democratic majority of the house of representatives tonight.

This is the first utterance of the Democratic party on the subject. President Wilson has informed two delegations of suffragists that until his party discloses its attitude he must remain noncommittal. The inference he gave was that he would follow his party in approving or opposing suffrage as a national issue.

The caucus refused to order the creation of a house committee on suffrage. It was for this purpose that the suffragists succeeded in having the caucus assembled. But a vote on this direct question was evaded by the production of a substitute resolution offered by Representative Heflin of Alabama, a conspicuous opponent of the enfranchisement of women.

Resolution Defines Suffrage Status.

The resolution follows:
Resolved, That it is the sense of the Democratic caucus in the house of representatives that the question of woman suffrage is a question for the decision of the states and not a federal question.

The opponents of suffrage had an overwhelming majority in the caucus. Representative Baker of California strove to obtain extended consideration for his resolution directing the creation of a suffrage committee, but debate was shut off by the adoption of the previous question.

When Mr. Heflin moved the substitution of his resolution there was a protest from

Registration: Women; Men; and Totals.

WARD.	Women Registered Yesterday.	Men Registered Yesterday.	Total Registered Yesterday.	Total Previously Registered.	GRAND TOTAL.
1.....	1,624	2,564	4,188	12,789	16,977
2.....	5,961	4,236	10,197	15,051	25,248
3.....	7,180	2,801	9,981	15,577	25,558
4.....	1,877	1,417	3,306	9,116	12,422
5.....	2,779	1,707	4,486	8,683	13,169
6.....	9,249	3,232	12,481	17,095	29,576
7.....	8,529	3,617	12,136	17,105	29,241
8.....	3,752	1,613	5,365	10,088	15,453
9.....	3,391	1,556	4,947	10,545	15,492
10.....	2,284	1,154	3,438	6,702	10,140
11.....	2,095	1,858	3,953	8,128	12,081
12.....	3,279	1,919	5,198	9,910	15,108
13.....	5,489	3,197	8,686	16,031	24,717
14.....	4,063	2,948	7,011	12,583	19,594
15.....	3,388	2,766	6,154	12,853	19,007
16.....	1,922	1,493	3,415	7,533	10,948
17.....	1,243	1,233	2,476	5,993	8,469
18.....	3,381	3,397	6,778	15,113	21,891
19.....	1,434	1,184	2,618	7,238	9,856
20.....	1,297	917	2,214	5,452	7,666
21.....	4,292	2,960	7,252	14,076	21,328
22.....	1,784	1,601	3,385	8,607	11,992
23.....	5,850	2,662	8,510	14,956	23,466
24.....	3,222	1,825	5,047	11,414	16,461
25.....	10,246	3,770	14,016	18,709	32,725
26.....	6,228	2,846	9,074	15,820	24,894
27.....	6,674	3,579	10,253	15,832	26,085
28.....	3,927	2,407	6,334	12,338	18,672
29.....	3,030	1,949	4,979	10,964	15,943
30.....	3,437	1,131	4,568	10,974	15,542
31.....	5,614	2,521	8,135	14,337	22,472
32.....	7,883	3,411	11,294	17,804	29,098
33.....	6,508	3,113	9,621	16,744	26,365
34.....	4,675	2,983	7,658	14,388	22,046
35.....	6,308	4,194	10,502	15,798	26,300
TOTAL..	153,897	85,161	239,058	*437,346	†676,404

* Among the 437,346 previously registered there are the names of about 2,750 women who registered under the old law permitting them to vote for unversity trustees.

† This total will be increased later by the registration of March 17. It will be decreased by next Saturday's revision when duplicate names and those who have moved away or died will be stricken off.