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The Cuban Question in the Senate—Growing Feeling in Favor of Cuba—The Appropriations in the House—Naturalization—The Senate on the Franking Privilege—Mississippi, Georgia and North Carolina.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Mr. SHERMAN waked up a drowsy Senate this morning by the introduction of a resolution acknowledging the existence of a state of war in Cuba, and pledging the maintenance of a strict neutrality by the United States. The galleries became excited immediately, and, in a few minutes, the subject was agitating the couple of thousand people in and around the Capitol. The resolution, and the war speech in support of it, were entirely unexpected from Mr. SHERMAN. That gentleman very seldom gets on a fiery track, and when he rises nothing is expected from him but long columns of figures and disquisitions on internal taxation. Nothing of course was done with the resolution except to refer it to the Foreign Relations Committee; but it had the effect of drawing from Mr. SUMNER the official admission that the State Department is now considering the subject with, of course, a view to some action. This Cuban question is gaining friends in the Senate, and possibly something of importance may be done there in a short time. Mr. HOWE, for instance, has an important bill on the Neutrality laws, looking to a radical change in the foundation act of neutrality, on which he has already delivered a speech. Mr. MORTON entertains very strong and decided views on the subject to which he has given expression, and Mr. CARPENTER is an enthusiast in his admiration for Cuba and all other struggling colonies seeking to be free. These gentlemen are strongly supported in their views by other Senators who have not yet made official announcement of their thoughts on this question. The Senate is usually a very conservative body, very slow to move in anything; but on this question of neutrality there is a very decided and concerted movement in favor of a bolder and more aggressive policy. The Cuban lobby has been literally starved out, and the lobby ceased a long time ago talking about the bonds of the Queen of the Antilles; but from present indications, we may soon expect to see and hear the Cuban champions as blatant as ever.