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Cartoon shows Congress as a fat man asleep in a hammock labeled "Law Enforcement." A broken blunderbuss, labeled "14th Amendment, 2nd Section," lies at his feet. A small black boy walks by holding a drum, but an elephant cautions, "Don't wake him up!" The second section of the 14th Amendment provided for reducing a state's apportionment in Congress if the state prevented any male from voting for any reason other than participation in a rebellion or other crime. There was agitation by various black groups in the early years of the 20th Century to enforce it, but no serious attempts by the Republican-led Congress were made. The artist, E. W. Kemble, was a prolific cartoonist and illustrator, best known for his portrayal of African Americans. (Image description from Library of Congress)



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