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Session to end today after passing budget

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Budget session of the legislature, which was scheduled to go on till March 31, will end on Tuesday, in view of the Covid-19 crisis.

Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri said the Assembly will be adjourned 'sine die' after the Appropriation Bill (Budget) and the third instalment of the supplementary estimates are passed.

This was decided in the Business Advisory Committee that met to discuss concerns raised by MLAs, who demanded adjournment of the session.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa had said that the session will go on till March 27. "We suggested that the Appropriation Bill be moved today itself (on Monday) so that it can be passed with a vote-on-account for four months. Later, in June or July, the Assembly can be convened again to discuss the demands for grants. But the government didn't agree." Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah said.

"I went a step further and said that we can pass the entire Budget itself, because coronavirus is spreading fast

and even Parliament has been adjourned. Finally, it was decided that all business must be completed by Tuesday afternoon and the House be adjourned," he added.

The government pushed through four Bills that were passed without any debate as the Opposition Congress walked out in protest. The Karnataka Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill, that allows for change in land use from the master plan for a fee whenever land is procured by a few agencies, was passed without any debate.

Likewise, the Industrial

Dispute (Karnataka Amendment) Bill, Karnataka Shops and Commercial Establishments (Amendment) Bill to allow women to work in night shifts and the Karnataka Race Courses Licensing (Amendment) Bill to hike penalty for violations were also passed.

The Congress walked out, saying the government had promised not to table any other Bill except the Appropriation (Budget) Bill. The JD(S) was busy fighting with the Speaker, for not allowing a debate on an issue concerning the Apex Bank, where it alleged there was a scam.