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## Anti-cow slaughter Bill passed in Council

Congress, JD(S) oppose Bill

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Amidst uproarious scenes with Opposition members tearing copies of the Bill and protesting in the Well of the House, The Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Bill, 2020, was passed by voice vote on Monday in the Legislative Council. This was even as the Congress and the Janata Dal (S), whose combined strength forms a majority in the House, demanded a division of vote.

With no support from the JD(S), the BJP failed to get the Bill passed in the Council during the last session in December 2020, forcing the

State government to promulgate an Ordinance. The Bill was tabled again on Monday evening.

B.K. Hariprasad, Congress MLC, speaking to presspersons, said the government had "bulldozed" its way through and passed the Bill and the Opposition would continue protest on Tuesday. Significantly, the JD(S), in alliance with BJP for the Council Chairman's election, also opposed the Bill.

"Congress and JD(S) members raised objections to the Bill and sought a division of vote, which was not allowed. When the BJP does not independently hold a majority in the House, how could the Bill be passed by voice vote when division was sought?" he asked.

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After nearly two hours of debate on the Bill on Monday evening, Congress and JD(S) members demanded an extended debate on it on Tuesday. However, Deputy Chairman M.K. Pranesh said since the motion of thanks for the Governor's speech was to be taken up for debate on Tuesday, the Bill had to be put to vote on Monday.

JD(S) member Maritbbe Gowda objected to the restriction of debate, saying either the debate must be taken up on Tuesday or everyone who wanted to must be given a chance to speak even if it meant an "all-night

session". Mr. Pranesh, however, restricted the time of the debate till 7.30 p.m., leading to protests. Mr. Pranesh took up the Bill for voting, leading to more outrage among the Opposition. Some of the Congress members in the Well of the House tore copies of the Bill, while others went to the Speaker's table and protested. Meanwhile, the BJP members raised slogans of "Gomata ki Jai".

Amidst the pandemonium, Mr. Pranesh put the Bill to voice vote and announced it had been accepted and adjourned the House till Tuesday.