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# Judgement Day for HDK as speaker sets 6pm deadline

## Adjourns House After Late-Night Political Drama

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 Bengaluru: The fate of the tottering JD(S)-Congress government will be decided by 6pm on Tuesday. Before adjourning the house at 11.42pm on Monday, assembly speaker KR Ramesh Kumar announced the schedule — debate on the trust motion from 10am to 4pm, the CM's reply from 4pm to 5pm, and voting between 5pm and 6pm.

That's likely to bring the curtains down on the 17-day political drama spanning across Bengaluru, Mumbai, New Delhi and the Supreme Court.

The Congress and JD(S)



Congress MLAs stage a protest in the assembly on Monday

“I don't know who is so desperate for my resignation that a fake letter was prepared with my forged signature and shared online. The mischief needs to be investigated”  
**HD Kumaraswamy** | CHIEF MINISTER

“The speaker has already given his ruling on the whip issue and the matter ends there... As for the BJP's role in resignations, the minister (Krishna Byregowda) must prove that we (BJP) made them resign”  
**JC Madhuswamy** | BJP LEADER

“The speaker has said rebel MLAs are bound by whip and he has issued notice to you to appear before him on Tuesday. If you don't come, then it will amount to violating whip and you will lose your assembly membership. Please read the Constitution”  
**DK Shivakumar** | CONGRESS MINISTER

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launched a spirited campaign to postpone a vote on the motion of confidence, moved by chief minister HD Kumaraswamy on Thursday, saying the Supreme Court had said in the morning it would hear on Tuesday pleas by Congress seeking clarification on issuing party whips and the role of the governor, and petitions filed by the two independents seeking the trust vote to be held “forthwith”.

With the debate on the trust vote continuing for the third day on Monday and looked set to barrel through Tuesday, the BJP urged the speaker to take up voting on Monday itself even if it meant starting till or beyond midnight. After Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah said they will positively wind up the debate on Tuesday, the opposition BJP

### Do not make me a scapegoat: Speaker

Don't make me a scapegoat. I've been sitting on a hot seat here. You will not understand my problem,” an exasperated speaker KR Ramesh Kumar told the legislative assembly on Monday as the coalition and the BJP fought a pitched battle over taking up voting on the trust vote.

reiterated on its demand and agreed for voting on the motion by Tuesday evening.

The assembly that resumed after a weekend break witnessed high drama throughout the day with the house being adjourned thrice after the ruling coalition members sticking to their guns. When the debate on trust

### Cong: Decide fate of 15 rebels first

Minister Krishna Byregowda on Monday argued that rebel lawmakers have already incurred disqualification since they have distanced themselves from their respective parties. He said the speaker must take a decision on their disqualification before putting the trust motion to vote.

motion should continue till Tuesday. However, the speaker insisted that the voting must take place on Monday since he had given his commitment to the opposition party on Friday.

The tug of war between the treasury and the opposition benches extended closer to midnight. Several women

### CM: Probe fake resignation letter

Karnataka chief minister HD Kumaraswamy on Monday demanded a probe into the appearance and circulation of his ‘resignation’ letter that suddenly started doing the rounds on Monday evening. The CM said he didn't know “who's so desperate” for his resignation that included a forged signature.

members of Congress and JD(S) said they needed to be home for their families, while others said they were diabetic and had to have dinner on time.

Handing out nuts and toffees to MLAs, leader of opposition and state BJP president BS Yeddyurappa urged the assembly speaker to make arrangements for dinner.