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**JD(S) Horatti
elected state
council chief**

Senior JD(S) lawmaker Basavaraj Horatti was on Tuesday elected chairman of the Karnataka legislative council amid furore by the Congress over passage of the anti-cow slaughter bill. The election of 74-year-old lawmaker was certain as BJP and JD(S) had joined hands for the council chairman and deputy chairman's posts. This is Horatti's second stint; he had served as council chairman for six months in 2018 during the JD(S)-Congress government. The seven-time MLC was elected unanimously even though Congress had nominated Nasir Ahmed as its candidate. 

Horatti elected council chief amid protest on anti-cow slaughter bill

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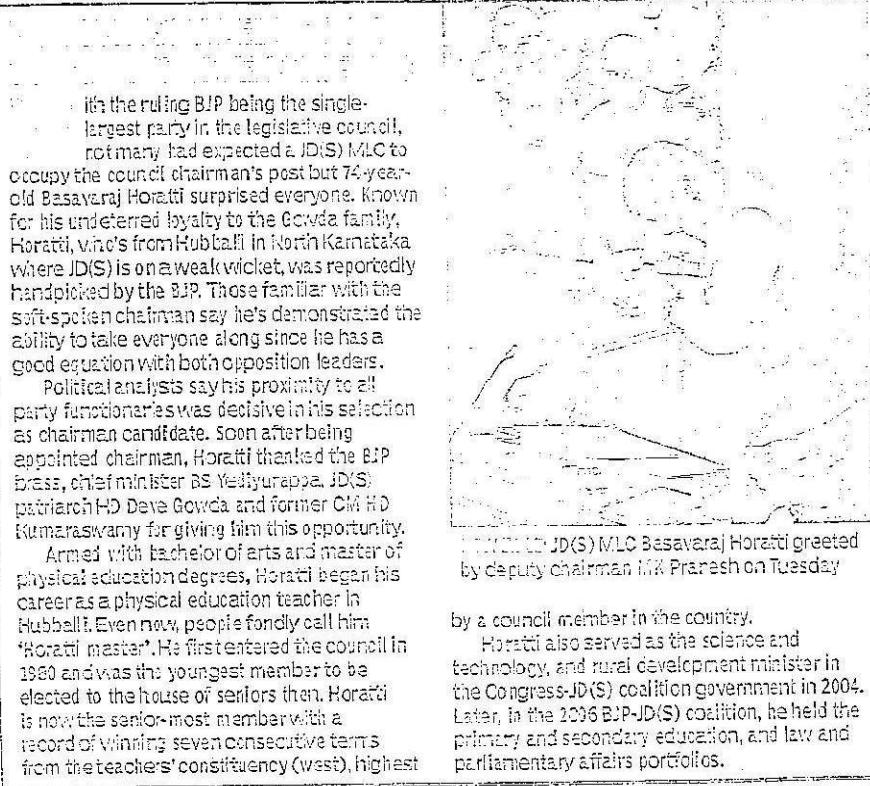
Bengaluru: Senior JD(S) MLC Basavaraj Horatti was on Tuesday elected chairman of the legislative council amid furore in the House over passage of the anti-cow slaughter bill.

This is his second stint in the post as he had served as council chairman (acting) for about six months in 2018 when the JD(S)-Congress government was in power.

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Ahmed as its candidate. Horatti was escorted to the chairperson's seat and took charge. He said he would take all parties into confidence and ensure smooth conduct of House proceedings.

However, he was forced to adjourn the council sine die a day before schedule, following a protest by opposition Congress seeking recall of the bill. Horatti rejected the demand stating video recording of proceedings when the bill was passed doesn't confirm the demand for division of votes. But Congress members, camping in the well of the House since morning, continued their protest even though Horatti said there can't be any debate on his ruling. They shouted slogans against the government, accusing it of bulldozing rules.



The chairman allowed law and parliamentary affairs minister Basavaraj Bommai to reply to the motion of thanks to governor's address, after which the house was adjourned.

Earlier in the day, Congress members did not participate in the council chairman election, demanding the chairman declare the passage of anti-cow slaughter bill null and void and take it up for approval again. They claimed their demand for di-

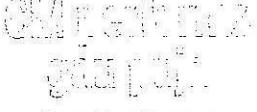
vision of votes was overlooked. Deputy chairman NK Pranesh, who was in the chair when the bill was passed, rejected the claim saying nobody asked for a division and hence he went ahead with the voice vote.

Bommai said the bill was passed as per rules and no one sought a division, pointing out that all Congress MLAs were in the well when the bill was being passed.

Horatti's election was certain as BJP and JD(S) had

joined hands for the council chairman and deputy chairman's posts. As per the arrangement, BJP MLC Pranesh was on January 29 elected deputy chairman with the backing of JD(S), and now the ruling party returned the favour by supporting the regional party nominee, Horatti.

The election was necessitated following the resignation of Congress' K Prathapachandra Sheety as chairman on February 4.



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Bengaluru: Chief minister BS Yediyurappa on Tuesday offered special prayers to cows to celebrate the passage of the controversial anti-cow slaughter bill in the legislative council.

Flanked by his cabinet colleagues, including animal husbandry minister Prabhu Chavan and home minister Basavaraj Bommai, the chief minister put vermillion and turmeric powder on the forehead of 'gomata' and showered akshata (sacred rice) and flowers on the cattle, at his residence. Yediyurappa then offered the cows raw rice, lantils and bananas.

Last December soon after the Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Bill 2020, was tabled in the assembly, BJP members had brought a few cows to Vidhana Soudha and conducted a puja. Yediyurappa had also performed gau puja at his official residence Cauvery the next day after passage of the bill in the assembly.

On Wednesday, the long-pending bill was cleared in the council through a voice vote amid protests by JD(S) and Congress. It now awaits the governor's assent. The bill closes the door for disposal of cows to slaughter-houses even after they have stopped producing milk.