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# MLCs manhandle dy chair, scuffle at 1-day spl session

## Adjourned In 35 Min, No-Trust Vote Plan Fails

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**Bengaluru:** The BJP government's bid to remove Prathap Chandra Shetty as legislative council chairman by convening a special one-day session on Tuesday led to pandemonium and ugly scenes with members of the ruling party and Congress creating ruckus.

The no-confidence motion plan of the government ran aground, with Shetty adjourning the house *sine die* barely 35 minutes after it convened. With the ruling party short of a majority in the upper house, BJP has been leaning on JD(S) to pass bills. The move to oust Shetty was part of a BJP-JD(S) plan



Congress members force deputy chairman SL Dharmegowda out of the Council chairperson's seat during the special session on Tuesday

to take posts of council chairman and deputy chairman and facilitate easy passage of bills and smooth conduct of the house.

Trouble started when Congress members found deputy chairman SL Dharmegowda in the chair soon after the council met at 11am. Some of them ran to the podium and

forced Gowda out. In the melee, Gowda stumbled and fell, leading to a scuffle between members of Congress and BJP. The Congress members contended that it was unconstitutional for Gowda to chair the proceedings when the chairman was present.

► Chaotic scenes, P 4

## No numbers, Shetty to quit as chairman?

rotesting the decision of legislative council chairman Prathap Chandra Shetty to adjourn the house *sine die*, BJP and JD(S) members led by law minister JC Madhuswamy and JD(S) member Basavaraj Horatti met governor Vajubhai Vala seeking intervention to remove Shetty.

With Congress short of numbers, Shetty may have to resign. Shetty said he might take a decision after consulting party leaders in the next two days. "Initially, there was ambiguity over JD(S) support to the no-confidence motion sought to be moved by the BJP. The support became clear by afternoon. I'll take an appropriate decision soon," Shetty said. TNN