

Govt, oppn may call a truce to pass disabilities bill in LS today

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New Delhi : Amid the heightened acrimony between opposition and government there is a small possibility that the disabilities bill, passed by Rajya Sabha on Wednesday, may go through Lok Sabha on Friday as part of a truce.

The government is hopeful that the disabilities bill will be considered by Lok Sabha on the final day of the winter session, even if without any substantial discussion, said Union parliamentary affairs minister Ananth Kumar.

The bill is listed for Friday and it is felt that political parties may respond to pleas of advocacy groups

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