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DEWAN NEGARA ADJOURNS AFTER SITTING FOR 13 DAYS

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 22 (Bernama) -- The Dewan Negara adjourned sine die tonight after sitting for 13 days since Dec 1.

It passed 18 bills, seven of which were passed today. The seven bills are Security Industries (Amendment) Bill 1997, Counsellors Bill 1997, Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill 1997, Drug Dependents (Treatment and Rehabilitation) (Amendment) Bill 1997, Water Supply (Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur) Bill 1997, Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill 1997 and Judges' Remuneration (Amendment) Bill 1997.

The House also unanimously adopted a motion of confidence in the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his efforts to ensure Malaysia continues to enjoy, among others, rapid economic development.

Another motion adopted called on opposition leader Lim Kit Siang to apologise and retract his remarks belittling Dewan Negara and its members.

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