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House censures US Congressmen

THE Selangor Menteri Besar and the 49 State Assemblymen, including those from the Opposition, were unanimous in censuring the 34 United States Congressmen for interfering in the internal affairs of the Government.

The Assemblymen, who voted in favour of a motion of confidence supporting the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, also said the US had no right to direct who should head the nation.

The motion, tabled by Menteri Besar Datuk Abu Hassan Omar, also denounced the draft resolution by the Congressmen asking Dr Mahathir to either make a public apology for his alleged anti-Semitic remarks or resign.

The motion, seconded by Rawang State Assemblyman Datuk Tang See Hang who is also the State MCA Youth chief, also denounced any investigation by the US on Petronas for its investment in the gas industry in Iran.

Abu Hassan said they not only supported Dr Mahathir but also stood by him in all his undertakings.

"We are an independent nation.... Only the people of Malaysia have the right to decide who their leaders are and matters pertaining to politics and foreign policy. We strongly object to foreign countries interfering in our affairs."

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