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Senate-Motion

SENATORS WANT DEBATE WITH US CONGRESSMEN

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 9 (Bernama) -- Members of the Dewan Negara said today they are willing to invite the 34 members of the United States Congress to Malaysia for a debate on their contention that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad should resign.

They proposed that the Senators Club arrange their visit to Malaysia so that they could explain Malaysians' undivided support for Dr Mahathir.

They said this when taking part in the debate on the motion to express full support for Dr Mahathir as Prime Minister of Malaysia.

The motion was tabled by Senator Abdul Aziz Abdul Rahman yesterday.

Thirteen senators took part in the debate today.

Senator Datuk Ibrahim Ali told the House that the motion when passed would be sent through normal government procedure to Congress through the US Embassy here.

He also urged the local press when making its reports to be extra careful so as not to create an impression that there was a conflict in the views of the Prime Minister and his deputy.

People misinterpreted such reports and the foreign media exploited these reports, he added.

Senator Datuk Norjan Khan Bahadar in his maiden speech in the Dewan Negara said this was the time for all Malaysians to show their loyalty to the Prime Minister and the nation.

Senator Jamilah Ibrahim from Kelantan expressed her full support for the Prime Minister and his leadership.

Malaysia was a sovereign nation and outsiders had no right to decide who should be the country's leaders, said Senator Jamilah who represents the Kelantan PAS in the Dewan Negara.

The Dewan will sit again tomorrow. -- BERNAMA

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