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PARLIAMENT: MOTION ON MORNING SITTING TABLED

KUALA LUMPUR, July 28 (Bernama) -- The Government today tabled a motion to amend the Dewan Rakyat Standing Orders to enable the House to sit from 10am.

Defence Minister Datuk Syed Hamid Albar, who tabled the motion on behalf of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, said under Standing Order 78 (2), the motion was being referred to the House Standing Committee which would stipulate whether it would be debated.

When Syed Hamid said the motion was urgent, Opposition Leader Lim Kit Siang rose and disputed the urgency of the motion.

The Minister said the motion had to be first referred to the House Standing Committee.

The motion involves amendment to Standing Order 12 and says that every meeting of the House should begin at 10am and end at 1pm and resume at 2.30pm and last until 5.30pm.

The amendment also stated that the Speaker could extend the meeting beyond 5.30pm. The motion was seconded by Primary Industries Minister Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik.

At present the House meets from 2.30pm from Monday to Thursday.

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