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BANKRUPTCY BILL TO BE TABLED IN PARLIAMENT NEXT WEEK

KUALA LUMPUR, June 10 (Bernama) -- The Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill 2003 which gives, among others, protection to social guarantors, is one of three bills to be tabled for first reading at the Dewan Rakyat starting Monday.

The bill, to be tabled by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Utama Dr Rais Yatim, will attempt to raise the debt ceiling for bankruptcy proceedings from RM10,000 to RM30,000.

Aside from that, the Federal Constitution (Amendment) Bill 2003 regarding the re-delineation of electoral boundaries would be tabled by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, according to a statement from the Parliament today.

Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Paduka Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir is also expected to table the new National Archives Bill 2003.

The eight-day Dewan Rakyat sitting will also debate four bills presented for second reading.

They are the Entertainment (Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur) (Amendment) Bill 2003, Hotel (Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur) Bill 2003, Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2003 and Patent (Amendment) Bill 2003.

The statement said the Parliament had received 883 oral and 167 written questions from its 194 members, of whom 152 were Barisan Nasional representatives.

It said eight documents would also be presented at the sitting including the 2001 annual report and financial statement of the Tunku Abdul Rahman Foundation and Fee Order (Malaysian Marine Parks) 2003.

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