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DEWAN RAKYAT ADJOURNS AFTER EIGHT-DAY SITTING

KUALA LUMPUR, June 26 (Bernama) -- The Dewan Rakyat adjourned sine die today after an eight-day sitting, during which it passed 12 bills.

Among the bills passed at the sitting, which began on June 16, was the Federal Constitution (Amendment) Bill 2003, which was tabled by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Tuesday.

The amendment to Article 46 of the Federal Constitution was to increase the number of Dewan Rakyat seats following the redelineation exercise conducted by the Election Commission from Aug 8, 2002 to Sept 7, 2002.

The increase involves six new seats for Johor, five each for Sabah and Selangor, three for Pahang, two for Penang and one each for Melaka, Negeri Sembilan, Perak and Kuala Lumpur.

The additional 25 seats bring the number of parliamentary seats to 219 from the existing 194.

Also passed was the National Service Training Bill 2003, which, among others, requires those born in 1986 and after to undergo national service from next year.

The other new bills passed were the Hotels (Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur) Bill, Payment System Bill, National Archives Bill and Langkawi International Yacht Registry Bill.

The other amendment bills approved were the Entertainment (Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur) (Amendment) Bill, Copyright (Amendment) Bill, Patents (Amendment) Bill, Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill, Consumer Protection (Amendment) Bill, Istana Negara (Royal Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, Private Higher Educational Institutions (Amendment) Bill and Lembaga Akreditasi Negara (Amendment) Bill.

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