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Senators express full support for Abdullah

reports on "Dewan Negara" by Azura Abas  
"PAK Lah Boleh!" Dewan Negara members gave their resounding support to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, saying they are confident he possessed the calibre and strength to lead Malaysia to greater heights.

Debating a motion in support of Abdullah and thanking former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, many Senators expressed confidence the new Prime Minister would be able to execute his duties well.

They said Abdullah was hard working and had wide experience as a politician and administrator.

In tabling the motion, Land and Co-operative Development Minister Tan Sri Kasitah Gaddam called on members to give their support to Abdullah as they had done to Dr Mahathir.

Senator Datuk Nor Azah Awin said Malaysia would continue to flourish under the leadership of Abdullah.

She said Abdullah's call for the people "to work with him and not for him" augured well for the country.

Senator M. Ratnam said MIC had no doubt that Abdullah would shine as the country's fifth Prime Minister.

"Malaysia Boleh and Abdullah Boleh," he said.

Senator Lim Kee Moi echoed Ratnam's confidence in Abdullah's leadership, saying MCA welcomed his appointment.

"Our way of supporting him is by giving our co-operation in developing the country."

Senator Hassan Shukri reminded Abdulah that he had been given the mandate to lead the country by God and the people.

The new Prime Minister, he said, should ensure the upcoming general election was carried out in a fair manner.