

**Senate Approves Bill For Kampung Bharu Redevelopment**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 7 (Bernama) -- It was another episode of block voting when a division of votes was called at the Dewan Negara Wednesday to decide on the Kampung Bharu Development Corporation Bill 2011.

The voting, requested by the opposition, saw 38 members of the house supporting while only eight opposed the proposed second reading, thus resulting in the bill being passed.

The vote by division was carried out after an opposition member submitted a motion to Dewan Negara deputy president Datuk Armani Mahiruddin, who allowed the voting after deciding that the motion met the Proceeding Regulations.

On Oct 5, Opposition MPs failed to block the Kampong Bharu Development Corporation Bill 2011 from being passed through a vote by division with 72 MPs supporting while only 28 had opposed the proposed second reading.

Earlier, when winding up the debate on the bill, Federal Territories and Urban Well-being Minister Datuk Raja Nong Chik Raja Zainal Abidin said landowners or heirs to the land would not be coerced into surrendering their land for redevelopment.

"Coercion will not occur as the process will take a long time. Instead there will be a consultation process and any infrastructure that needs to be repaired will be repaired quickly.

The house will sit again Thursday.

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