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THE Dewan Rakyat adjourned sine die after sitting for 20 days since March 7.

During the first meeting of the fourth session of the 13th Parliament, the Dewan Rakyat passed eight bills, six were postponed and one withdrawn.

The bills approved included the Supplementary Supply (2015) Bill 2016, Employees Social Security (Amendment) Bill 2015, Companies Bill 2015 and Interest Schemes Bill 2015.

Also approved were the Dangerous Drugs (Special Preventive Measures) (Amendment) Bill 2015, Legal Profession (Amendment) Bill 2015, Child (Amendment) Bill 2015, and **Forest Research Institute of Malaysia Bill 2016.**

The six bills which were postponed included the Criminal

Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill 2015, Evidence (Amendment) Bill 2015 and the Gas Supply (Amendment) Bill 2016.

The other bills were the National Anti-Drugs Agency (Amendment) Bill 2016, Advocates Ordinance (Sabah) (Amendment) Bill 2016 and Merchant Shipping Ordinance (Amendment) Bill 2016.

The bill which was withdrawn was the Competition (Amendment) Bill 2015.

The Dewan Rakyat also passed the motion of thanks for the address by Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah.

The sitting also tabled a motion on the kidnapping of four Malaysians by armed pirates in the waters off Semporna, Sabah on April 1, to discuss the issue and find ways to prevent a repeat of the

incident.

On the second day of the sitting, members of the Dewan Rakyat also observed a minute's silence as a show of respect for the second anniversary of the tragedy of the missing Flight MH370 with its 239 passengers and crew on March 8, 2014.

The highlights of the sitting included heated debates, strong opinions, demands for apology and two lawmakers, Lim Guan Eng (DAP-Bagan) and Teo Kok Seong (DAP-Rasah), ordered to leave the hall on March 23 for going against the Dewan Rakyat Standing Orders.

At the end of the sitting, Deputy Speaker Datuk Ismail Mohamed Said recorded the august house's appreciation to all those who had helped ensure a smooth proceeding. — Bernama