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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The Dewan Rakyat adjourned sine die after sitting for 20 days since 7 March.

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meeting of the fourth session of the 13th Parliament, the Dewan Rakyat passed eight bills, six were postponed and one withdrawn.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The bill which was withdrawn was the Competition (Amendment) Bill 2015.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 1 April, to discuss the issue and find ways to prevent a repeat of the incident. - Bernama