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„ the Chief Minister (Tan Sri Wong Pow Nee, P.M.N.)

„ the Legal Adviser (Enche Ibrahim bin Abdul Manan)

„ the Member for Glugor (Enche Aziz Ibrahim, J.M.N., J.P.)

„ the Member for Muda (Tuan Haji Ismail bin Che Chik,

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„ the Member for Sungei Bakap (Mr. Kee Yong Chin, J.P.)

„ the Member for Permatang Pauh (Enche Ariffin bin Shariff, P.J.K.)

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„ the Member for Kelawei (Mr. Tan Khim Hoe, P.J.K.)

„ the Member for Dhoby Ghaut (Enche M.S.A. Zachariah)

„ the Member for Tanjong Bungah (Mr. Cheah Seng Khim, J.P.)

„ the Member for Kepala Batas (Tuan Haji Ahmad bin Haji

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„ the Member for Bagan Ajam (Mr. Phee Joo Teik, P.J.K.)

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„ the Member for Butterworth (Mr. Williams David)

„ the Member for Bayan Lepas (Enche Ismail bin Hashim)

„ the Member for Kota (Dr. Lim Chong Eu)

„ the Member for Tanjong Barat (Mr. Teh Ewe Lim)

„ the Member for Tanjong Tengah (Mr. Teh Geok Kooi)

„ the Member for Tanjong Utara (Mr. Khoo Kay Por)

„ the Member for Tanjong Selatan (Mr. Khor Peng Seah)

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The Assembly resumes
at 10.00

Speaker: Kita sekarang berada
dalam bacaan yang kedua bagi
Undang2 Perbekalan tahun 1967.

Member for Tanjong Tengah
(Mr. Teh Geok Kooi): Mr. Speaker,
with reference to the speech
made by the Honourable the
Chief Minister in presenting
the State of Penang Supply
(1967) Bill, 1966, I am getting res-
tless and worried over increasing
revenue. In my restiveness I won-
der whether the State Government
is trying to curb Special Expendi-
ture. I make this comment not
directly in criticism of the amount
that has been requested; but I
make my statement, Sir, to cau-
tion our State Government that it
should be much more careful over
expenditure, in view of the fact
that it is now dipping very deeply
into the pockets of the general pub-
lic. I say this in view of the fact
that in the Bill presented as the
Penang State Estimates, 1967 —
page 49, item 50, Tunku Abdul
Rahman Foundation Fund — it is
stated that this is No. 1 contribu-
tion to the said Fund. May I enquire
what the proposed complete sum
to be contributed is? In view of
the contribution, what will the
Penang people benefit out of this
contribution? I ask this because
The Honourable the Chief Minis-
ter admitted that the Budget for
1967 is again a deficit one.

Thank you.

Member for Kepala Batas (Tuan
Haji Ahmad bin Haji Abdullah):
Tuan Yang di-Pertua, saya bangun
pada hari ini menyokong Rang
Undang2 ini oleh kerana saya ber-
pendapat rang undang2 ini ada-
lah tepat dan benar pada masa dan
keadaannya. Oleh itu saya tidak
hendak mengambil bahagian
yang panjang di-dalam perbaha-

san rang undang2 ini kerana sadi-
kit sebanyak yang saya akan ber-
chakap mengenai chukai2 khas-
nya chukai ayer dan taliayer.

Tuan Yang di-Pertua, saya ba-
ngun dan mengesahkan serta
benar pada masa dan keadaannya
yang tambahan chukai itu di-ada-
kan. Apa yang telah di-ucapkan
oleh Y.A.B. Ketua Menteri menge-
nai chukai Taliayer dan chukai
bekalan ayer yang akan di-naik-
kan, khas-nya yang telah di-uchap-
kan oleh Y.A.B. Ketua Menteri
sebagai mengambil kerjasama dan
sebagai membantu pihak Kerajaan
dengan bertujuan mempertimbang-
kan di-atas kesihatan2 ahli2 kita
itu sa-hingga membawa kepada
kebaikan. Jadi kita mendapat fae-
dah2 yang banyak dan akan ber-
tambah ganda lagi. Jadi apa yang
di-maksudkan oleh Y. A. B. Ketua
Menteri tersebut tambahan chukai
taliayer dan ayer ada-lah benar
pada tempat-nya jadi tidak patut
sangat bagi pihak pembangkang
berkenaan membangkang dengan
tidak puas hati serta menentang
dengan segala apa yang di-buat.

Kawasan persawahan khas-nya,
ia-itu kawasan tanaman padi dua
kali bagitu juga mengenai bekalan
ayer sawah boleh di-katakan di-
Seberang Perai Utara-lah yang
mula2 sekali, bahkan di-kawasan
yang terbaik di-seluruh Malaysia
ini, ia-itu kawasan yang pertama
sekali. Jadi tentang perbelanjaan
yang banyak itu-lah Y.A.B. Ketua
Menteri telah menerangkan dalam
uchapan-nya bahawa chukai tali-
ayer akan di-tambah dan Y. A. B.
juga telah berkata sebagai meno-
long bersama2 kepada Kerajaan
yang telah mengeluarkan perbelan-
jaan yang banyak tetapi hasil2
yang sedikit sahaja telah di-dapati.
Jadi dengan perkara tersebut tadi
yang susah-nya satu—Bila ada chu-
kai nak di-naikkan sedikit heboh-
lah khas-nya pihak2 pembangkang.
Kerajaan tidak adil, Kerajaan ja-

hat dan Kerajaan tidak betul dan bermacam2 angkara telah di-beri bukan sedikit kritik. Bahkan che- laan2 seperti mana yang di-kata- kan oleh ahli2 dari pembangkang. Nampak-nya zaman sekarang ini telah menjadi kotor, tetapi yang lebeh kotor ia-lah manusia yang tidak berotak. Setengah2 itu me- nerima perkhawaran ada orang yang mengachum-nya jadi dengan tidak menyiasat dan tidak mem- beri tahu. Jikalau pehak pembang- kang khas-nya orang yang dudok di-dalam patai2 pembangkang itu Patai Buroh, tidak ada lain makin susah, semakin dan semakin pula susah. Siapa tidak tahu kita ada orang susah. Tetapi soal-nya ia-lah untuk memperbaiki-nya. Tetapi kalau kenaikan chukai sedikit di- sini di-bising, di-sini di-bahas, di- mi-nya, di-sini di-serah. Perkara ini bukan sahaja berlaku di-sini bah- kan di-dalam parliamtent juga, ia- itu terlampau menginsafi umum dan sangat memandang keadaan penduduk2 di-kampung itu. Keada- an penganggor2 Kerajaan juga bukan lupa. Kerajaan juga bukan nak membiarkan tetapi keburokan satu2 perkara itu bukan-lah senang nak di-hapuskan terpaksa kami mengambil masa sedikit. Oleh itu Tuan Yang di-Pertua, ini sudah menjadi adat, adat itu pada masa sekarang, bukan adat atau kebias- aan pada ahli2 yang berfikiran dan bukan pada ahli2 parliamtent yang benar2 jujur dan ikhlas.

Tuan Yang di-Pertua, telah kita perhati apa juga Kerajaan buat semua-nya tidak kena. Yang aneh- nya sekarang bukan nak chari jalan macham mana nak buat, bu- kan nak bagi fikiran macham mana nak memperbaiki, yang tahu mari dalam Dewan ini mahu tibai, mahu hantam, itu tidak betul ini tidak betul. Dewan ini di-lantek- kan di-Negeri Pulau Pinang dan juga di-negeri2 lain, juga da- lam Parliamtent telah pun di- lantek untuk ahli2 berfikiran su-

paya memikir dan mengadakan rundingan2, menunjukkan jalan2 bagaimana nak mengatasi satu2 perkara kemunduran. Kalau nak hantam sahaja tidak boleh jadi. Kalau nak menchari pablisiti di- dalam Dewan ini supaya pehak2 berkenaan menyokong kita ini ada-lah satu perkara yang di-kata- kan mahukan pablisiti yang me- ngatakan 'ia menjadi pembela.' Itu tidak ada erti sama sekali. Saya menyokong kuat di-atas rang un- dang2 ini kerana memandang di- atas apa yang di-uchapkan oleh Y.A.B. Ketua Menteri ada-lah ke- mas dan chantek. Dalam soalan mulut, tulisan, yang di-soalkan oleh pehak pembangkang di-dalam Dewan ini berapa banyak-kah ahli2 samada di-Seberang Perai dan di- Pulau Pinang ini yang bertanah sendiri yang membuat kerja. Soal- an ini di-hadapkan buat apa? se- mata2 hendak mengambil tahu sahaja-kah atau untuk mengetahui bagaimana-kah kedudukan ahli2 persawahan.

Tuan Yang di-Pertua, Negeri Pulau Pinang ada-lah chukup baik sunggoh pun di-Negeri ini tidak dapat di-beri kesenangan yang se- penoh2-nya, tetapi memberi ke- senangan kapada sa-saorang itu jika hendak menchukupi sampai bila pun tidak habis. Manusia me- mang dapat sedikit hendakkan lagi, dapat sedikit lagi hendakkan pula lebeh. Memang sampai bila pun tidak chukup, chukup tak chu- kup pun apabila dia di-sumbat ka- dalam tanah baru-lah chukup. Tuan Yang di-Pertua dalam Negeri Pulau Pinang khas-nya kedudukan kawasan padi yang boleh di-kata- kan kawasan Seberang Perai Utara-lah kawasan yang paling baik sekali dan yang utama sekali. Dahulu kalau kedudukan persawah- an sekali sahaja, tidak ada pun chara2 untuk membaiki dan meng- usaha supaya pendapatan2 itu da- pat lebeh berganda. Tetapi seka- rang telah di-ikhtiar, di-siasat, di-

halusi, sahingga dapat di-laksana- kan dari satu masa ka-satu masa menukarkan chara2 kapada chara2 rang lebeh baik lagi maka segala ikhtiar dan usaha ini telah ber- jalan dengan baik. Chuba perha- lian kalau kita sechara kasar sahaja belum lagi sechara halus menghitung 26,000 ekar lebeh 26,551 ekar daripada 33,508 ekar telah di-tanam dua kali sa-tahun. Kalau di-halusi di-dalam perkara ini Negeri Pulau Pinang ini patut memberi shukor banyak, tetapi orang2 di-Seberang Perai me- mang bershukor banyak dalam Pulau Pinang ini juga yang mem- beri shukor banyak samada ka- pada Kerajaan Negeri mahupun Kerajaan Pusat. Hanya keshukor- an dari pehak pembangkang sahaja tidak ada langsung. 26,551 ekar dua kali jadi 53,102 ekar, ia-itu mengikut chara kedudukan yang sebenar2-nya. Jangan-lah main de- ngar chakap orang sahaja, saya juga anak sawah, anak bendang anak yang kaki selalu di-hinggap pachat dan lintah sa-hingga seka- rang ini pun maseh di-dalam sa- wah lagi tempat2 pachat dan lintah bukan mendengar perkhawaran sa- haja. Di-kawasan saya-lah yang banyak sekali. 53,102 ekar pukul rata yang saya dapati benar2 jangan kita pergi tanya boleh jadi mereka tidak mahu memberi kha- bar yang jelas2 kerana nak me- larikan dari perkara2 yang ter- tentu. Tetapi ini ada-lah kedudok- an yang sekarang ini. ia-itu se- banyak 4 kuncha — 1 kuncha ia- lah 160 gantang. Jadi 640 gantang — 53,102 ekar kali 4 kuncha ber- apa? Chuba-lah kira sendiri. Sa- hari 3 kuncha sudah berapa ratus ribu. 600,000 lebeh. Kalau ambil hitong pula di-atas gantang-nya dan terus menjadi beras pada tiap2 satu orang dalam Negeri Pu- lau Pinang ini. tiap2 sa-orang da- lam Negeri Pulau Pinang tidak peduli tua muda, kechil besar, jantan betina, Patai Pembangkang, Patai Perikatan, Patai buroh, Pa-

tai Jin, tiap2 sa-orang dia boleh dapat 50 gantang. padi. Kalau di- potong, chuma tinggal 20 gantang pada tiap2 sa-orang tidak peduli kechil besar tua muda walau pun di-hitong di-atas penduduk2 yang ada dalam Negeri Pulau Pinang mengikut banchian tahun berakhir 1963 dalam Negeri Pulau Pinang ini berada 680,836 orang. Tidak kira pendapatan lebeh tidak kira ikh- tiar dan usaha yang sudah di- jalankan, kalau sekarang di-ikhtiar dan di-usahakan dari satu masa ka- satu masa sa-hingga mendapat pula jenis padi Malinja — kurang baik di-chari pula padi Mahsuri dan se- terus-nya pula padi Ria. Jadi itu- lah dari satu masa ka-satu masa di-ikhtiarkan. Saya dudok dalam sawah, rumah saya dalam sawah keliling-nya sawah. Saya nampak sepanjang masa — mula2 warna kelabu lepas itu puteh, lepas itu nampak pula kekunang2an sedikit baru musim menyemai nak habis. Jadi macham itu-lah hari2 panda- ngan tak putus2 sa-hingga nak bermeshuarat pun susah juga nak membuat kerja apa pun susah se- bab tidak ada satu masa pun yang kelapangan, masing2 ada tugas. Dalam masa yang sengkat sahaja masing2 berada di-dalam sawah tetapi saya perchaya nanti ada chukai2 naik sedikit Kerajaan dzalim kata ahli2 pembangkang. Sedangkan nak naik chukai ma- cham ini orang ada mengatakan semakin susah — Kalau hendak main pablisiti sahaja tidak boleh. Kalau hendak tahu pergi-lah chal- lenge di-tempat saya, usah-lah main2 publisiti, kalau betul2 hen- dak tahu pergi jadi wakil di-tem- pat saya, usahkan nak harap men- jadi wakil, hendak menjadi Penge- rusi Jawatan Kuasa Kemajuan Kampung pun tidak boleh.

Jadi ini satu keshukoran. Se- patut-nya kita di-kehendakki bagi menunjukkan jalan yang baik ka- pada ra'ayat jelata. Kalau nak ingat mahu menchari pablisiti buta

tuli sahaja — mungkin sekarang ra'ayat bukan buta, ra'ayat sekarang sudah chelek, sudah tahu. Kelmarin bila Ahli dari Permatang Pauh berchakap mengatakan tentang rumah chat merak bagi kaum2 tani, jadi Ahli dari Tanjong Selatan berkata Ahli Kepala Batas yang menyebutkan-nya, Ia, betul, yang tidak benar saya tidak pernah berchakap dalam Dewan ini. Dalam politik jangan main pembohong, berjujur ikhlas-lah. Kalau nak chari pablisiti sechара terang2 nak menarek orang tidak mungkin kerana hal ehwal manusia terbukti dengan hati, sechара terang kita boleh berchakap tetapi sechара yang patut, mungkin ini tidak dapat di-nafi, melainkan dengan kejujuran itu-lah yang boleh menarek orang. Kalau hendak main pablisiti sahaja tidak mungkin, sebab itu dari tujuh tinggal dua Party Buroh yang di-sebelah sana. Perbuatan macham ini tidak boleh jadi. Biar-lah berjalan Dewan ini dengan jujur dan ikhlas jadi kita sama2 membantu ra'ayat kita. Kalau ada jalan2 yang baik, jalan2 yang boleh mengatasi masa'alah, tunjok-ajar2 atau satu2 jalan yang di-beri itu bukan sebak-nya nak bagi meruntuhkan, sedia kita terima. Kalau keadaan semacham ini saya fikir Tuan Yang di-Pertua, oleh itu Tuan Yang di-Pertua, saya yang mula-nya semata2 nak memberi sokongan sahaja dan tidak-lah berchakap apa2. Tapi bila tumbok kata2 yang tidak ingini, Kerajaan Pulau Pinang tidak adil, sesia2 menjadi Kerajaan kalau selalu ia naikkan chukai Taliayer tidak adil—perkataan semacham ini tidak sedap di-dengar, oleh sebab itu terpaksa saya berchakap terus kepada ahli2 dan khas-nya pehak pembangkang tidak ada yang lebih baik melainkan menchari jalan supaya bagaimana-kah chara2 boleh membaiki keadaan penduduk2 di-Negeri Pulau Pinang ini. Janglah kerana kawasan sahaja. Dewan ini di-untukkan kepada keseluruh

ra'ayat Negeri Pulau Pinang ini yang mengharapkan kepada kita pada keseluruhan-nya. Walau siapa pun, pembangkang dan Perikatan, tetapi kalau main hantam sahaja tidak boleh jadi kadang2 di-sini dia boleh jadi menyokong kadang2 di-sini juga dia membantah. Ini satu perkara yang pelek.

Tuan Yang di-Pertua, saya sebagai menyokong yang pertama bukan-lah nak menegak benang basah. Kali ini pun saya dapat Y.A.B. Ketua Menteri telah memberi satu ucapan pada masa membentangkan rang undang2 ada-lah boleh di-katakan satu ucapan yang ketat kita tidak dapat hendak chelah. Tiap-tiap biji perkataan daripada-nya ada mempunyai hujah2-nya tetapi bukan-lah pula bermaksud kita hendak membinchangkan dengan panjang lebar di-tempat ini. Oleh itu Tuan Yang di-Pertua, saya tidak usah lagi nak berpanjangan dan saya harap mudah2an dengan chukai yang naik itu tidak akan begitu banyak. Saya perchaya dalam kedua2 chukai taliayer dan ayer itu ada-lah perkara yang terpaksa di-adakan yang pertama-nya nak menguruskan hal ehwal bekalan ayer dan undang2 pada masa ini ma'alom-lah nak masak nasi pun perlukan ayer, nak minum pun ayer. Kita tidak mahu ayer yang tidak baik, yang tidak sempurna. Begitu juga ayer yang mengalir dalam sawah — kalau tidak makan nasi barangkali Dewan ini pun kosong. Tidak ada ayer — jadi patut-lah kita bershukor yang Negara kita khas-nya Negeri Pulau Pinang ini dengan kemewahan ini, begitu juga-lah hitong rendah tiap2 sa-orang samada kechil atau besar dia ada 20 gantang beras — harga-nya tidak mati, tidak akan menjadi macham mana negara2 lain yang ra'ayat-nya mati kelaparan—tidak akan menjadi saperti perang Jepun makan ubi, semua orang puteh2 tetapi basai kerana makan

ubi. Tetapi sekarang tidak ada lagi sa-hinggakan di-dalam kawasan saya nak makan ubi buat lempeng sahaja ada itu kalau nak buat lempeng itu kena chari ubi kayu.

Kita selalu masuk dalam Dewan ini dengan menadah tangan kepada Tuhan jadi dengan menadah tangan demekian berdoa kepada Tuhan mudahan2an dengan pertolongan yang di-beri dan di-balusi pada masa hadapan kelak kita akan menjadi satu negara yang ma'amor dan mudah2an negeri kita ini termasuk-lah negeri2 lain yang di-kuasai oleh Kerajaan Perikatan akan bertambah ma'amor dan kaya serta penduduk2 di-dalam-nya hidup dengan aman dan bersatu-padu. Selain daripada itu saya ucapkan terima kaseh banyak di-atas apa2 yang telah beri berupa kebajikan2 dan nikmat2 yang telah di-kechap dan juga saya ucapkan terima kaseh kepada Kerajaan Negeri Pulau Pinang khas-nya Kerajaan Pusat, Khas-nya kawasan saya ini. Demekian-lah ucapan terima kaseh lebih baik-lah saya tak usah berchakap panjang lagi, saya minta ma'af kalau nak berchakap tentang challenge, di-sini challenge di-situ challenge satu macham punya challenge, kalau nak tahu handal tak handal datang-lah ka-kawasan saya, baru-lah insaf dia. Tetapi kalau hendak menunjok2 mari tempat aku ini semua perkara yang tidak baik, datang-lah tempat aku kalau mahu tahu. tapi kalau nak tahu betul2 pergi-lah di-kawasan saya itu. Pada masa yang lalu, bukan-lah saya ini nak berchakap sombong, kebenaran di-beri dengan tidak sechара langsang. kerana di-situ-lah puncha tempat hal ehwal yang berkaitan dengan pertanian bahawa di-dalam Seberang Perai Utara-lah usaha pertanian telah meniadakan mewah negara kita ini. Kalau nak tahu kedudukan yang akan datang, kita

akan menanti dan menunggu sama2 di-masa yang akan datang.

Member for Tasek Glugor (Enche Ahmad bin Haji Jamil): Tuan Speaker, saya suka-lah nak mengambil bahagian di-dalam perbahathan rang undang2 perbekalan tahun 1967 ini.

Tuan Yang di-Pertua, saya rasa rang Undang2 perbekalan tahun 1967 ini ada-lah satu2-nya rang undang2 yang realistik sungguh pun terdapat beberapa tegoran2 daripada pehak pembangkang yang hendak menunjokkan tentang kekurangan perbelanjaan yang ada pada peranggaran perbelanjaan tahun 1967 ini, tetapi saya tidak-lah dapat mempersetujui pendapat2 daripada pembangkang itu. Keseluruhan hujah2 yang telah di-kemukakan oleh pehak pembangkang dari semenjak kelmarin saya tidak dapat mengatakan yang mana hujah2 mereka itu, satu2-nya hujah yang concret. Keseluruhan-nya hujah2 daripada pembangkang itu hanya menekan berat atas kekurangan sa-banyak \$600,000, bagi perbelanjaan tahun 1967. Mesti pun kekurangan ini telah dijelaskan berkali2 oleh Y.A.B. Ketua Menteri yang ia-nya tidak akan mengakibatkan keburokan Negeri Pulau Pinang ini tetapi apa boleh buat pehak pembangkang maseh tidak mengerti atau pun sengaja tidak mahu mengerti.

Tuan Speaker, ada-lah pehak pembangkang berpendapat yang kita mesti menunjokkan kelebihan wang bagi Negeri Pulau Pinang dengan tidak menghiraukan dan menimbangkan atas kemampuan2 ra'ayat? Pehak pembangkang harus sedar bahawa Kerajaan pada hari ini berkuasa mendapat beberapa banyak wang dan menaikkan chukai yang ada sedia terma'alom dalam perlembagaan Pulau Pinang dengan sa-berapa tingginya. Tetapi oleh kerana Kerajaan

Perikatan yang telah memerintah Negeri Pulau Pinang ini telah menimbang dengan halus2-nya bahawa tidak-lah patut bagi kita membebaskan ra'ayat jelata dengan chukai2 yang tinggi melainkan sekadar yang patut sahaja. Oleh itu sepatut-nya pehak pembangkang hendak-lah menyokong anggaran perbelanjaan ini yang mana dengan jelas dan nyata tidak akan membebaskan ra'ayat. Memang ada sedikit sa-banyaknya chukai yang di-chadangkan oleh Kerajaan untuk di-naikkan seperti chukai2 taliayer dan ayer di-Pulau Pinang ini, tetapi segala chukai2 yang akan di-naikan itu akan di-beri pertimbangan yang sa-wajar-nya oleh Kerajaan dan mengkaji dengan sa-halus2-nya supaya chukai2 itu tidak akan membebaskan petani2 dan ra'ayat seluruh-nya.

Sekarang mari-lah kita kembali kepada kebenaran dan jangan menggunakan sentimen atau political interest. Apa-kah pokok bagi Kerajaan untuk mendapatkan wang. Keseluruhan-nya Kerajaan mendapat wang2 ia-lah dari chukai2 dan dengan chukai2 ini-lah Kerajaan akan membelanja untuk mentadbirkan sa-buah Kerajaan dan juga membuat beberapa kemajuan hari ini. Bukan sahaja Negeri Pulau Pinang tetapi keseluruhan negeri Malaysia yang telah di-perintah oleh Perikatan ini telah mendapat kepercayaan yang besar daripada Pehak Bank Dunia umpama-nya, dan juga Kerajaan yang lain yang sedia membantu Malaysia di-dalam bidang kemajuan-nya. Ini ada-lah di-sebabkan dengan susunan2 jadual Kemajuan yang bijak dan realistik.

Pada hari ini kita sedang membahaskan anggaran perbelanjaan Negeri Pulau Pinang ini benar-kah seperti kata Pehak Pembangkang yang mana perbelanjaan ini akan

menganchamkan Negeri Pulau Pinang. Saya rasa tuduhan2 yang seperti itu tidak-lah harus di-adakan, kalau-lah pehak pembangkang hendak mengambil kesempatan untuk memburok2kan Kerajaan Pulau Pinang yang telah di-perintah oleh Perikatan hari ini saya rasa ra'ayat Pulau Pinang tidak akan boleh di-memudah2kan atau di-perbudak2kan dan saya yakin ra'ayat di-Pulau Pinang ini akan lebeh bertambah senang hati dengan anggaran perbelanjaan yang telah di-bentangkan hari ini oleh kerana satu perkara yang telah pasti yang mana Kerajaan perikatan tidak akan membebaskan mereka dengan tambahan2 chukai.

Saya amat-lah rasa dukachita yang mana ahli bagi kawasan Tanjong Selatan sa-hingga beliau itu berani mengatakan ra'ayat di-Sungei Acheh terpaksa memakan ubi kayu saya tidak tahu berapa kali di-dalam satu bulan yang Ahli itu pergi ka-Sungei Acheh tetapi saya sa-bagai sa-orang petani yang datang dari kampong dan salah sa-orang dari ahli persatuan peladang tidak pernah mendapat cherita2 dogeng makan ubi kayu seperti yang telah di-riwayatkan oleh Ahli dari Tanjong Selatan itu. Saya boleh-lah di-katakan selalu melawat keluarga2 saya yang tinggal di-Sungei Acheh itu tetapi belum pernah yang mereka memberi jamuan ubi kayu sa-bagai mana yang di-katakan oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Kawasan Tanjong Selatan itu.

Satu perkara lagi yang saya rasa anggaran perbelanjaan tahun 1967 itu satu perkara yang realistik Ahli Kawasan Tanjong Selatan dan rakan sa-perjuangan-nya yang selalu membuat ucapan2 yang panjang terhadap perbahasan perbelanjaan pada tiap2 tahun. tetapi pada kali ini kedua2 ahli itu chuma membuat perbahasan yang pendek sahaja. Saya tidak-lah hendak me-

ngatakan yang mereka itu telah kehilangan modal sa-hingga makan ubi kayu pun di-ada2kan di dalam dewan ini, tetapi mereka sendiri telah tidak ada jalan dan sebab2 yang tepat lagi concret bagi mereka hendak mengeitik anggaran perbelanjaan ini. Ya, saya akui Ahli dari kawasan Kota memang berchakap panjang tetapi ucapan2-nya hanya-lah berpusing di-kitar masa'aloh perlabohan bebas, minta wang lebeh daripada Kerajaan Pusat. Saya juga berpendapat bahawa taraf pelabohan bebas itu penting bagi pendudok2 di-Pulau Pinang tidak termasuk pendudok2 di-Seberang Perai. Tetapi Ahli daripada Kota tidak pernah menunjukkan apa-kah pula penting-nya Pelabohan bebas itu kepada ekonomi National atau ekonomi Kebangsaan keseluruhan. Benar kita ada-lah satu negeri yang menjadi Anggota Malaysia dengan chara sukarela seperti yang telah pun di-katakan oleh Ahli daripada kawasan Kota itu dan benar juga yang kita mempunyai kedaulatan soverenti dan berpendirian tetapi Pulau Pinang sahaja dengan sendiri-nya tidak akan dapat memberi yang lebeh besar dengan ada-nya Pulau Pinang dalam lengkungan Malaysia dan berhubung dengan ucapan Ahli daripada Kota supaya kita meminta wang yang lebeh dari Kerajaan Pusat saya rasa Kerajaan Pusat tidak akan berdakap tangan dan berdiam diri kalau mereka dapati kedudukan kewangan Negeri Pulau Pinang ini renting. Bukan sahaja Negeri Pulau Pinang ini sa-bahagian daripada Malaysia tetapi kerana Kerajaan Pulau Pinang ini di-Perintah oleh Party Perikatan yang mana juga menjadi pemerintahan Pusat.

Akhir-nya saya berharap kepada pehak2 pembangkang jangan-lah hendak-nya kita membuat ucapan2 dan perbahasan2 hanya

untuk segelintir manusia yang menyokong kita sahaja tetapi hendak-lah juga kita menimbang kepentingan kebangsaan atau pun National interest. Setelah saya menatapi kedudukan keseluruhan rang perbelanjaan tahun 1967 ini saya dapat-lah mengatakan yang mana anggaran ini bukan sahaja satu anggaran yang realistik tetapi satu2-nya anggaran yang boleh mengekalkan harmoni bagi pendudok2 Pulau Pinang dan juga Kerajaan Pusat yang mana itu ada-lah pokok kejayaan bagi perjuangan kebangsaan. Saya sangat-lah mengucapkan terima kasih kepada Ahli dari kawasan Kota yang mana atas keperchayaan-nya kepada Ahli di-belakang ini dan saya meyakinkan Ahli Yang Berhormat itu yang mana Ahli2 belakang ini sentiasa memberi kerjasama yang rapat kepada Ketua Menteri dan Ahli yang di-hadapan untuk mengekalkan kejayaan pemerintahan Kerajaan Perikatan ini.

Buat mengakhiri-nya Tuan Speaker, saya sangat2-lah menyokong di-atas Rang Perbelanjaan bagi tahun 1967 ini.

Member for Kota (Dr. Lim Chong Eu): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on a point of clarification: In view of the fact that the Honourable Member for Tasek Glugor travels like a tram on his notes and cannot stop, I wanted to clarify the point he raised with regard to the free port status of Penang — that it involves only Penang, and not Province.

Sir, I had, I think, in our debates in this House..... (interrupted).

Member for Dhoby Ghaut (Enche M. S. A. Zachariah): Tuan Speaker, on a point of order — Standing Order 46: I think the

Honourable Member for Kota was given ample opportunity to speak on the debate; and we did witness a brilliant exhibition of a speech.

Mr. Speaker: I had not come to the conclusion yet whether the Honourable Member for Kota is making clarification or a new statement. If he is making a new speech I will not hesitate to stop him. At the moment I think it is a point of clarification, without any new statement.

Member for Kota (Dr. Lim Chong Eu): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I said the debate in this House is a continuous debate; so on this particular occasion I referred to the free port status of Penang, particularly with reference to the people of Penang Island. But I think in the past I had clearly indicated the connection between the value of the free port status as between the people living in Penang Island and the people living in Province Wellesley, because both are affected. And one of the reasons why the people of Penang Island feel very strongly about this is because we have seen the people of Province Wellesley going into the Common Market very nearly 7 years. And you have not had any benefit from the Common Market. And if you want to go back into the free port status also (interrupted.)

Chief Minister: Tuan Speaker, on a point of clarification, when we are in this House I think we should work for the State.

Member for Tasek Glugor (Enche Ahmad bin Haji Jamil): Tuan Speaker, tetapi penduduk2 di-Seberang Perai telah pun berkata pada hari ini sunggoh pun mereka

membeli barang2 yang mahal tidaperti penduduk2 di-Pulau Penang, mereka tidak membangkang kerana mereka mampu membeli barang2 itu.

Member for Kota (Dr. Lim Chong Eu): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on a point of clarification.....

Mr. Speaker: No more clarification. I think you have clarified enough.

Member for Kota (Dr. Lim Chong Eu): This is information.

Mr. Speaker: I am not allowing any more information.

Member for Tanjong Utara (Mr. Khoo Kay Por): Tuan Speaker, Sir, the Estimate for 1967 put up by the State Government is unrealistic. The State Government admits that is a deficit one. In our opinion it is a misleading and a bad one. In view of the expected heavy expenditure for 1967 the State Government has to incur expenditure of a sum of \$16,320 for the post of an economical officer at this juncture. If his service is needed badly we certainly expect that the ills of the financial position could be healed by him; otherwise the sum involved will be spent blindly. I do hope that it is not a political post in rewarding active members of the Alliance Party in power.

With little or insignificant development in the State of Penang, we just cannot understand how the State Government can uplift the standard of living of our people — especially because of the admission of the Honourable the Chief Minister there is still so much unemployment in Penang. Although confrontation is over, yet trade relationship between the two countries, Indonesia and Malaya, has not resumed. How then could we

expect trade to prosper when our neighbour is still not so keen to trade with us, but prefers to trade with our other neighbour, Singapore. Our position is therefore no better than it was before.

Coming to page 44, sub-head 21, on Hospitality Fund, it is rather funny, when we are facing a deficit that the Government sees it fit to increase the amount from \$19,000 to \$30,000 — an increase of \$11,000 which otherwise could be used for other projects. With a deficit on hand, I notice that there will be a study tour which will cost our Government another \$30,000. What sort of a study tour? And in what way will this tour benefit our State? Is it therefore fair to expend \$30,000 for something for which the result anticipated is uncertain? If we are going to expend money in such manner then we are forced to dig into our reserves.

On the newly-introduced item for the Tunku Abdul Rahman Foundation Fund, it rather strikes me that, with an anticipated deficit, we are spending \$100,000 on a Fund to perpetuate the glory of one person while we are in a tight position.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to repeat the views put forward by my honourable colleague, the Member of Kota: Do not boast, do not bluff and do not blunder on

The people can understand for themselves that the boast of the Alliance has gone with the wind. Already Alliance State Government have increased the irrigation rates; so the rural development programme has already brought in its wake increased taxes. Now we have been told that water rates will be increased also. What other increases we have been told of, it is not in the public interest to reveal now. But certainly the burden

on the ordinary people will be heavier. We do not criticise the Alliance proposal to increase rates; we object most strongly to their continued method of bluffing by trying to tell the people that they are not doing so. Do not bluff because this will not help us to understand the difficult economic position we are in. If the leaders of the Alliance State Government will really fight for the people of Penang we will support them to the full. But if they go on in this manner their ground will be cut off from under their feet. Do not blunder because we cannot afford to make a mistake. The future is too precarious. Set up an Economic Development Planning Board now.

On behalf of our Party, we consider that the Supply Estimates indicate that the Alliance Government has endangered the security of our General revenue Reserves. This is shown by the deficit of \$2,859,919 in our General Revenue Reserves at the end of 1966. They have also shown that they do not have the vitality to bolster up on our sources of revenue. Further, they have shown that they have no serious intention to curb our expenditure. The Estimates show that we are on a rapidly downward trend of economic and financial stability. There is every possibility that at the end of 1967 there will be a further deficit in our General Revenue Reserves. And further, the final expenditure bill will be very much greater than the anticipated deficit of \$665,731 proposed by the State Alliance Government.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, my Party therefore will not support the Motion.

Member for Bagan Ajam (Mr. Phee Joo Teik): Mr. Speaker, Sir, we have been debating this Bill since yesterday morning; and a

great part of yesterday was taken up by the Honourable Member for Kota. We expect the Opposition to criticise the Budget. But this year the tone has somewhat changed. In the previous years we used to hear the words 'incompetent', 'unrealistic'; but this year the adjectives used for 'blundering', 'misleading', 'bluffing', 'boasting'.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is the duty of the Opposition to criticise the Budget. But on and off we must be fair in comparing the Budget of the previous years with that of 1967. In the Honourable the Chief Minister's speech, on page 2, it is clearly indicated that had it not been for a sum of \$1,665,916 which is being utilised in the State Development Fund we still would have had an excess Budget of a million dollars odd.

Looking at the Budget, I think that had the State Government not been a vigorous one, or an active one, or a dynamic one, I don't think it would have produced such a Budget for next year. On top of that we have two members of the Opposition exaggerating about people eating ubi kayu.

And our friend from Jelutong exaggerated about 5,000 people applying for vacancies of 200 odd. They are acting without being able to substantiate.

And another thing: This morning in the Straits Echo I saw in bold letters the word 'blunder'; and I saw the speech of the Honourable Member for Kota about the State Government doing a losing business — estimated expenditure \$1,700,000, and income \$1,400,000; a loss of \$300,000.

Member for Kota (Dr. Lim Chong Eu): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am not responsible for what appears in the Press today. I can

only be responsible for what I said in this House when the Honourable Member was present.

Member for Bagan Ajam (Mr. Phee Joo Teik): I accept that. That is subject to correction. However, Mr. Speaker, Sir, from what I understood yesterday the toddy shops are not a losing business. The State Government will be making an estimated sum of above \$200,000 on toddy shops along.

And the question of advertisements: The Honourable Member used the word 'blunder'. I am afraid the Honourable Member for Kota blundered. Why I say so is that had the Honourable Member asked why an item of advertising is entered in the Budget under toddy shops the Honourable the Chief Minister would have given him the clarification, Sir, what I know is that under advertisement that amount of money is to be used for advertising the calling for tenders and contracts; not for the purpose of advertising that toddy in the State of Penang is the best in the Federation, and so on. That is for that purpose.

About that 5,000 applicants applying for jobs in a factory in Butterworth which has vacancies for 200 odd, I am afraid I have to correct the Member for Jelutong because I had the opportunity of filling up hundreds of forms for these people. And if the Honourable Member had seen the form, at the bottom of the form it is indicated: 'Your present employment', 'Your present income'. In most of the applications these people are already employed in most of the foundries and dockyards in Butterworth. I filled the forms; hundreds of them. I filled in for them. I think it would be wrong to bring such a thing into the Assembly without being able to

substantiate. It is true that 5,000 people applied. But I am sure more than 70% are employed. So it would be wrong to bring this point out to exaggerate that there is so much unemployment in the State of Penang. Our Honourable Member for Jelutong has been with us in the study tour. Our Honourable Member was present when in one of the countries the Economic Officer told us that 25% of the whole population was unemployed. I think our Honourable Member for Tanjong Barat will support me in my statement. So, Mr. Speaker, Sir, unemployment is not a problem of the State of Penang or of the Federation of the States of Malaysia. It is a worldwide problem. And we are lucky that we are not in the same position as the country which I referred to.

However, Mr. Speaker, Sir, as I said just now, the Budget for 1967 is a very-well-balanced Budget; a realistic Budget; a very, very realistic Budget.

And, Mr. Speaker, Sir, in the speeches made by the Opposition as a whole they criticised about the proposed increase in the irrigation rates. And I would like to say this: that, as far as the padi planters are concerned, before the war there was single cropping. After the war we have been gradually providing irrigation; and at this moment almost the whole padi-planting area in the State is now doing double cropping. And looking from the production in padi fields we can safely say that income of the padi planters has increased considerably. From the change of their living you will be able to see new houses coming up in the kampong padi fields, and the use of radios, television sets, Hondas and motor-cars. So income has increased considerably. And it is only fair on their part to pay the State Government for what the

State Government has been providing. From the speech of the Honourable Chief Minister, we are able to recover only 16% of maintenance alone; not on capital expenditure. It would be wrong to say that this little increase will create hardship on the padi planters.

Coming to the question of low-cost housing, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to thank the State Government for being so farsighted in putting up low-cost housing schemes at Mak Mandin. And another one is coming up at Chain Ferry Road and Bagan Ajam. But I wish to make a request; that that is, in as far as Mak Mandin, Chain Ferry Road and Bagan Ajam is concerned I request the State Government to assist the present squatters to remove into the low-cost houses with some ex-gratia payment to help these people. I know that as far as Bagan Ajam is concerned the people are poor, fishing by 'rawai' — by line. Their average incomes do not exceed \$2 a day. I am afraid that to make them move from their existing sites without assisting them with ex-gratia payments would create some hardship. I hope the State Government will look into this matter and assist these people.

Another point, Mr. Speaker, Sir: This morning before I came to Penang one of my electorate came to my office to say that a person has been going round the town soliciting for low-cost housing; and he charges a fee of \$150, with a guarantee that the applicant, after paying the fee, will get a house. Unfortunately I did not have the time to inform the O.C.P.D. However, since I have brought up the matter in this Assembly, I hope the Honourable the Chief Minister would request the officers concerned to look into this matter; and at the same time, if

possible, to let the people know when to apply for these houses, where to apply, and the qualification for applications, so that with this information the people going round will not be able to mislead the people as to how they can apply for these houses.

Now, the Mak Mandin Industrial Estate: Mr. Speaker, Sir, when the piling ceremony was performed at Mak Mandin in respect of the low-cost houses I think most of our Members were there. We all agreed that something should be done for the lighting in the Mak Mandin Industrial Estate. I know that the District Council, Butterworth, has taken up this matter, requesting the N.E.B. to put up the lights; and I was being informed that they have sent estimates for thousands of dollars which the Local Council is not able to afford. So on the supply of this I would request the State Government to assist in this matter in providing money to assist the Council in the provision of lamp standards. However, the consumption of electricity will be borne by the Local Council. They have met, and will be prepared to meet the expenditure. That is in respect of lighting.

Again, on industries. Mr. Speaker, Sir: The State Government not only is trying to attract industries to the Mak Mandin Industrial Estate but in the State as a whole. And in so far as my constituency is concerned many, many industries are coming up on private land. I think I brought up this matter in the last Assembly or in the Local Council. There is the question of telephones. These industries coming from other countries put up their factories; and they are not able to get telephones. I contacted the Assistant Controller of Telecoms personally; and I understand that they don't

have cables to spare. I feel this Department should look years ahead, and get these facilities ready for industrialists coming. Although it is not a State Government responsibility, as Telecoms comes under the Federal Government, I appeal to the Government to look into the matter urgently, because for business men without telephones it is very difficult to carry on their business. In so far as telephones are concerned, I appeal to the Government to treat this matter as an urgent subject.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Honourable the Chief Minister has indicated that some time in July the State Government is taking over the collection of water rates. Formerly all these water rates were being collected by the Local Councils. All these Local Councils have employed clerks or cashiers or shroffs to collect this money. When the State Government takes over from the Local Councils, I hope that the clerks employed by the Local Councils to do this job will be employed by the State Government; otherwise there will be an excess of clerks in the Local Councils, which they can ill afford.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have got the last item here; and that is about the irrigation at Sungei Lokang and Alor Merah in the Province North area. The Government has provided irrigation for a small area of — if I am not wrong — about 30 acres. I am not quite sure; that is, subject to correction. However, I wish to request the State Government to facilitate implementation of irrigation for this area. In so far as my constituency is concerned, all areas have been provided for double cropping, except Sungei Lokang and Alor Merah. I appeal that implementation be facilitated.

Before I sit down, Mr. Speaker, once again, on behalf of the electorate from my constituency, I wish to congratulate the State Government for putting up a very vigorous, dynamic and realistic budget for 1967.

Member for Butterworth (Mr. Williams David): Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is an admitted fact that as Members of the Opposition they do not say anything in favour or good of this side of the House. When I arrived here yesterday, I was not surprised at all to hear from the Members of the Opposition that everyone is against the Bill or the estimates. It is very evident, Sir, I do not expect anyone of them to be in favour of the Motion. If they do, and I do hope that they will cross to this side of the floor and take their seat here.

Member for Kota (Dr. Lim Chong Eu): Nothing doing.

Member for Butterworth (Mr. Williams David). I am touching very promptly. It is a common and understood practice among all business people to prepare estimates for the coming year. Men of different walks of life work out their estimates in one way or another. Normally, the procedure is — I am not an accountant, Sir, — we always put our income as low as possible, and the expenditure high, so that we will not overspend what we receive. I am sure the Honourable Member for Kota does prepare, to a certain stage, his estimates in the buying of drugs for his honourable profession.

Mr. Speaker: That is private.

Member for Kota (Dr. Lim Chong Eu): And also I do not do so.

Member for Butterworth (Mr. Williams David): Sir, it is with this practice in mind that the Honourable the Chief Minister of the State of Penang, with his colleagues in the State Government, has gone far to prepare to the best of his knowledge, and which he thinks is fairly good and good enough for anyone in Penang to take long hours of preparation for this budget. Here I will be failing in my duty if I do not thank the people who gave him this support to prepare these estimates. If Members of the Opposition had only passed round the building of the Secretariat recently, for the last two weeks, they would have seen that the very top floor and the one next to that were always lighted, which meant to show that the Government was doing their job to satisfy the needs of the people.

Sir, the Honourable Member for Kota, when he stood up yesterday to speak in this House did warn us that he is going to take some time. We were prepared for it. He acted in the way of a preacher sermoning to the parishioners. His speech was alright, Sir, but the trouble went on when he took line for line, word for word, and began to this House what it meant in detail. But I assure the Honourable Member that as far as this side of the House is concerned, we need no explanation or details. We are aware and we fully understand what we put before the House.

Sir, this Assembly is funny in one way, especially during this period from 1964 to 1969. A Member of the Opposition was on this side of the House, and a Member of this side is on the side of the Opposition. They have now changed places. When the Member was on this side of the House, I am sure he would have been

attacked very vigorously when he sat in the front bench. And having had no chance to talk he goes back to the opposite bench and now hits back to air out his views. But we welcome this sort of criticism and we have no fear at all to start up whatever we can take. Sir, throughout his speech, anyone listening in this House, would not take it as a real speech of construction, advice or something good for the benefit. But he also uses the words "bluff", "mislead", "vitality", "energy". As the Honourable Member for Bagan Ajam has said they must find words. And thanks to the learned people who have started the dictionary, they always look in the dictionary to get words of this nature.

Sir, as far as vitality and energy is concerned, this side of the House can assure the Honourable Members of the Opposition that we have enough vitality and spare round of ammunition if the Chief Minister needs it.

Sir, I would like to say that the budget has been very well prepared. When I do speak on the budget, I shall, if necessary, touch upon remarks made by the Opposition Members.

Let us take page 3. Sir, the Honourable the Chief Minister of Penang has shown methods to increase the revenue, and has quoted an example on water charges. Sir, as a member of the Public Accounts Committee, this subject had always been discussed with Members of the Opposition present. In all other States, we find that the water charges have been excessive, while in Penang everyone enjoyed the benefits by paying very low charges. I should

compliment the Chief Minister for taking this up as a source of receiving extra revenue for the Government.

On page 4, again the Honourable the Chief Minister for the State of Penang has mentioned — I would like to quote here, Sir: "No extra burdens have been imposed on the people". Sir, it shows that while preparation of the budget looking round for revenue, it is not the policy of the Alliance Government to burden people with difficulties. He has clearly showed it. And, therefore, I fail to understand how Opposition Members think in what other way revenue could be sought, because if any bill is passed or tax is put on, they would be the first to grouse and say, "Why should this be done?" We have a duty to perform to the State, to the people of Penang. We have to provide them with certain facilities; and to do this, it is our bounded duty, while fulfilling their needs, we should also find ways how to exist ourselves.

Sir, the Honourable the Chief Minister of Penang has talked about irrigation rates. Sir, this is very good indeed, because during my recent conversation with the Chairman of the Farmers' Association, I was only talking in particular with the North-east District he did say, Sir, that the farmers around, or the farmers in his association are prepared to even contribute higher rates because most of the farmers have been to foreign countries and realise that their irrigation rates are lower when compared with other countries. Sir as far as the Chief Minister is concerned, I can say on behalf of the Chairman, he will have no trouble in collecting revenue from this side of the section.

Sir, on page 5, the statement "our critics have been very prompt in decrying our efforts" is very correctly put in, Sir. I would request the Members of the Opposition to cross over to Butterworth; and I will be pleased to take them round to the various areas in Province Wellesley to show them the amount of projects that has been done. I am not very conversant with the projects in Penang, but I am sure that projects of what is being done in Province cannot be implemented in Penang for various reasons. Sir, I would request these members to drop down, and I will take them to show them the industrial site, the new roads that have been linked with other parts of Province, the clinics and all these things. Now, when these projects are being made, we must bear in mind that the products are easily sent to places for export or other towns by quick methods rather than the old methods of bringing them by bullock carts or by bicycles.

Sir, on page 6, the Chief Minister has shown some of the increases. And if you look at Clause A, he has taken these increases and salary revision. While the Opposition are hitting at expenditure being too high; suppose this Government does not consider these increases and so on, I fear that the Opposition will then take a chance and say that the State Government is not doing the correct thing to the staff. Yet, we see here that the items included we could meet anything that comes to show the cause of the deficit for the year 1967. We assure the Honourable Members of the Opposition that as far as this Alliance Government is in control that we will be fair to everyone in the State. That means we also look after the staff, the Government employees.

At clause (B), Sir, I am afraid I have to repeat the very words again. On one hand the Opposition hits us and says "You have not done this; you have not done that." Yet when he provide low-cost housing schemes, they say that our estimates are too high, and we have got a deficit balance. Now, is it the wish of the Opposition not to show any deficit at all, or would they like the State Government to have a reserve and show that the State Government has a lot of money in hand? Sir, if this be the case, then as a Government we are not fulfilling our duties to the public Sir, we the Government have to build up many things for the benefits of the people. And this low-cost housing is one of the schemes that is to benefit the people. Now, if we stop this, the Opposition may hit us again and say "Why couldn't you provide low-cost housing schemes for the people?" I am trying to point out, Sir, that the remarks made by Honourable Members of the Opposition do not justify that there is a deficit balance. I would also like to remind the House here the words "It is an estimated budget". Normally, at the end of the year if we are not too spendthrift, or if we try to do very moderately in our expenses I can assure you that there will be a deficit budget. In preparation of estimates we have to put the expenditure high so that our way.

Sir, I would like to praise here the Honourable the Chief Minister of Penang for having put an item about the Tunku Abdul Rahman Foundation Fund. This is a very fine gesture of the State Government in this that the name of Penang will still be on the map compared with the other States while this fund is being organised. On the other hand, suppose we do not contribute, what will the people

ple of Penang say? Why didn't Penang participate? I would like to compliment him on this item.

Sir, yesterday in this House, I cannot remember, somebody said that the Group Youth Leader is not necessary. I would like to touch on this a little, Sir, as one who is attached and moves with all welfare work in Province, and part of it in Penang, we find that in most cases there is a shortage of staff in the Welfare Department. Here I would like to endorse the statement made by the Honourable Member for Bayan Lepas about his district, which difficulties I also encounter in my district of Butterworth. Sir, these Group Leaders are very useful in a way to eradicate juvenile delinquency. I sit on the Board of Visitors of the Camp School and also on the Juvenile Court. We have waited at times for probation reports to come to decide what steps we should do to the boys. Sir, this is a very wise move by the Government and I do hope that while they appoint this Group Leader, they will also consider additional staff to the existing staff in the various districts who are doing social welfare work.

Sir, while considering the estimates, I would like to bring the following for the consideration of the State Government:

Sir, in the State of Penang we have a wet padi acreage round about 40,000 acres. Over 30,000 acres of this are double-cropped. This means that we are having padi planting over an area of 70,000 acres, because being double-cropped it is naturally more than what the acreage of land is. I have figures here, Sir, which with your permission, I would like to quote: That in 1959 we had 9,851 acres giving us a yield of 4 011,900 gantangs. In 1960, 17,253 acres giving

us a yield of 7,676,433 gantangs. In 1961, 24,358 acres giving us a yield of 9,318,600 gantangs; and goes on to 1962, 1963, and 1964, an acreage of 29,622 giving us a yield of 13,454,520 gantangs. Last year an acreage of 30,407 acres giving us a yield of 14,309,450 gantangs. Sir, I am quoting these figures to show the responsibility of the department concerned. Sir, with such heavy responsibilities I find that in this State of Penang that the post of the Agricultural Officer does not seem a sort of permanent one. Sir, we cannot put a raw timescale officer there; but we should get an experienced timescale officer there. But the trouble with these experienced timescale officers when put in the State are bound to be transferred. Sir, for a long time, this State seems to be some sort of training ground, or a stepping-stone to success, so much so that during these five years, 1960 — 1965, five State Agricultural Officers have been transferred. Sir, while our State has a lot in the way of padi, I feel that it is high time that this Government recommends to the Federal Government for the consideration of a fully-fledged Agricultural Officer. Sir, I would like to quote you further the responsibilities. Besides the added responsibilities of supervision of more than 70,000 acres of padi each year, the S.A.O. here is the administrative head of five Division One officers, and has also to look after Colombo Plan experts based in this area. We have a training school at Bumbong Lima which also comes under his control. He is also responsible for the Federal Experimental Station at Bukit Merah. And he is also involved in development schemes which amount to roughly \$3.4 million. Sir, I am quoting all these just to say how important it is to have a Superscale 'H' officer in the State of Penang.

Sir, next is the Junior Agricultural Assistant. Sir, we have in the State thirty-five, covering about 3,000 farming households. Sir, in Japan, I believe, for over 500 family households, there is one officer attached. I leave the comparison to this House. With these things, my subject, Sir, here is to appeal to the State Government to provide motorcycle allowances for them so that they can get their work done faster. At the moment, they are doing with bicycles. The most they can do is to visit two or three farming households in a day.

The next thing I would to touch on is a departmental bus for the Agricultural Department. Sir, it is known fact that people from other States have come on study tours to this part of Penang, especially in Province, to visit the padi planting, and how it is being done in our State. We here only have got a State bus, and this is being used for many purposes by many people. Selangor State has one of its own, which sends out these people to other States to study. I would appeal to the Government here to consider this at a later date so that our farmers would also benefit by visiting the other States in the course of padi planting.

Sir, I feel that the amount allocated for the control of pest disease in our State is not enough. Anyway, I am not asking for an increase. Sir, with the little money we have allocated, I think we cannot have adequate control over these pests. At the moment farmers have asked the State Agricultural Officer, and I cannot blame him, because he has to work within his estimates. and he has to refuse many applications. Sir, this is one of the many important items. We recently heard in many States, the rubber trees and so

on, and how it travels. Should anything happen to our padi crops here, I think it will not be fine or nice to the State of Penang.

Sir, on Public Works, I would like consideration to be given to my part of the Constituency, in that the existing road between Bagan Jermal and Bagan Ajam be widened because it is rather narrow and a number of accidents have happened. So I do hope the Government will consider this request of mine.

Sir, I thank the Honourable Member for Bagan Ajam for having brought up this subject of ex-gratia payment. And I believe, Sir, that it is the Government's responsibility to see that anyone suffers when we take over land to compensate these people. Sir, I have no brief on these people, but it is my duty as an elected Councillor that I should bring to the notice of the Government whatever is brought to me in the way of difficulties with regard to the people in the area. Sir, I do hope that whenever we acquire land or we make new roads that some allocation be left for the purposes of ex-gratia payments.

Sir, I wish to touch on a very touchy subject and I hope you Speaker will give me permission. Though the subject I am going to speak is a Federal matter, but it also concerns the State. Sir, it is about the Butterworth Hospital. Sir, when the Honourable the Minister of Health visited us in the later part of 1964, as a Member of the Visiting Board and also as an elected Member, we accompanied him and requested him to give some assistance to the Hospital. Among the requests made was an extra doctor to be placed in Butterworth, because the Hospital is not what it was

some years back. Today the average outpatients here are about 500 — 600, and there are only two doctors stationed, and I think an additional doctor would be a great boon to the present doctors.

The other one is the ambulance. Many a time this ambulance — we have only one in Butterworth — cannot be made use of for the simple reason that they have to take the patients up to Bukit Mertajam for x-ray, and other work. Therefore, I appeal to the Honourable the Chief Minister to use his good offices to get one extra ambulance for us in Butterworth.

Sir, in view of the expansion of Butterworth, especially in the way of industrialisation, with the new factories coming up, employment going up; and these labourers who work in these factories are working amongst big machinery. Sir, we had an x-ray plant before in Butterworth. But I do not know what made them change their mind. It is now in Bukit Mertajam, a very good one. But here I would say that in view of what I mentioned, the urgency especially to people who work around the area, an x-ray unit would be of great value to the Butterworth Hospital. Here again, I humbly beg the good offices of the Honourable the Chief Minister to see what he could do in this matter.

Sir, the last one on this Hospital is, at the moment should anyone walk in during the usual hours, he will find a Hospital Assistant, while registering the names of the patients, is also attending to the telephone switchboard. I do not know, Sir, whether it is proper for a H.A. to work as a telephone operator. But I do appeal that the Government re-

commends that a separate telephone operator be put to control the switchboard.

Sir, in fact I would say that the budget estimates prepared by the Government is an excellent one in view of the difficulties they are going to anticipate ahead; and in the presentation of this, we note that every aspects has been touched on. Though it is of a concise method, the Honourable the Chief Minister has said that he is touching very generally. And it is only fair that we here should be thankful to the State Government for preparing a budget of this nature during very hard times.

Sir, once again I like to thank the Government for preparing a budget of this nature for 1967. Thank you, Sir.

Member for Nibong Tebal (Tuan Haji Sahid bin Hassan): Tuan Speaker, di-sini saya bangun berchakap di-atas Rang Undang2 Perbekalan yang mana telah di-kemukakan oleh Yang Berhormat Ketua Menteri baru2 ini. Di-sini saya tidak-lah akan memberi ulasan terhadap rang undang2 kerana telah pun banyak di-katakan oleh saudara2 kita di-sebelah sini.

Tuan Yang di-Pertua, di-sini saya suka nak menyentoh sebahagian daripada ucapan Yang Berhormat Ahli kawasan Tanjong Selatan kelmarin yang mana beliau telah membuat satu tuduhan yang salah berkenaan dengan nasib petani2 dalam kawasan Sungei Aceh itu. Saya sunggoh terkejut dan hairan manakala mendengar ucapan daripada Yang Berhormat itu yang mengatakan penduduk2 di-sini hanya dapat makan beras enam bulan sahaja setahun dan enam bulan lagi itu makan ubi kayu. Sunggoh saya hairan mendengarkan tuduhan ini. Saya tidak tahu daripada mana puncha yang beliau itu dapat atau pun daripada kawasan2 mana beliau telah dapat butir2 yang bohong yang di-keluarkan itu sa-

lagi sanggop pula beliau datang membuat bohong dalam Dewan ini. Ini bukan-lah satu perkara yang nyata yang di-dapati pada hari ini. Saya ada-lah menjemput beliau sendiri datang menyaksikan dengan sendiri keadaan petani2 di-Sungei Aceh itu samada benar atau tidak sebagai mana yang di-katakan itu. Saya tidak menafikan barang kali ada sebahagian orang2 makan ubi kayu tetapi bukan ubi kayu di-dalam kawasan Sungei Aceh malah di-kawasan2 lain juga ada orang yang suka makan ubi kayu, walaupun makanan itu ada-lah sebagai tambahan bukan-lah sebagai makanan utap. Saya bersetuju kalau mengatakan keadaan petani2 dalam kawasan Sungei Aceh itu belum lagi dapat satu kejayaan yang sa-penoh-nya seperti petani2 di-Seberang Perai Utara yang mana mereka telah dapat hasil pertanian yang melebihi kerana ada rancangan penanaman dua kali setahun, tetapi dalam kawasan Sungei Aceh belum lagi ada penanaman dua kali setahun, chuma dalam tahun 1966 ini Kerajaan telah membuat satu kawasan perchobaan seluas 200 ekar untuk tanaman dua kali. Kita nampak bahawa dalam perchobaan ini telah berjaya dan ada kemungkinan pada tahun 1967 ini akan lebih luas lagi kawasan yang akan di-ambil untuk usaha menanam dua kali setahun itu dan saya harap-lah pihak Kerajaan akan memberi sokongan seberapa sahaja yang boleh untuk menjayakan rancangan ini.

Satu perkara yang kita maseh lagi menjadi kemushkikan ia-lah sebab kuasa atau pun pentadbiran tanah di-dalam kawasan Sungei Aceh ada-lah di-kelolakan oleh Kerajaan Perak atau pun Krian, yang mana harus-lah rancangan itu tidak dapat saya menyuarakan seperti mana yang ada dalam Seberang Perai itu. Sebab itu-lah saya membuat usul dan memohon serta meminta supaya Kerajaan Negeri mengambil alih pentadbiran tanah di-kawasan Sungei Aceh itu.

Tuan Yang di-Pertua, itu-lah sahaja ucapan saya untuk menerangkan kepada Ahli daripada kawasan Tanjong

Selatan di-atas ucapan-nya kelmarin berkenaan nasib petani2 di-dalam kawasan Sungei Aceh itu tidak-lah benar sama sekali seperti kata ahli itu. Sekitan.

Member for Tanjong Selatan (Enche Khor Peng Seah): Tuan Yang di-Pertua, satu penjelasan — saya tidak mengatakan mereka makan ubi kayu enam bulan. Saya hanya menunjukkan pada masa itu ubi kayu banyak di-jual di-dalam kawasan itu.

Speaker: Jadi banyak di-jual nak buat apa? Ta'kan nak bagi makan babi, tentu nak di-makan orang.

Ahli2 yang Berhormat oleh kerana nak membolehkan Ahli2 Yang bergama Islam bersembahyang pada hari Jumaat ini saya menanggohkan Dewan ini sekarang sa-hingga pukul 2.30 petang ini.

The Assembly adjourns at 11.55 a.m.

The Assembly resumes at 2.30 p.m.

Mr. Speaker: Kita sekarang maseh berada di-dalam bacaan yang kedua bagi rang Undang2 Tahun 1967.

Member for Tanjong Bungah (Mr. Cheah Seng Khim): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I support this Bill for the supply for this year. I would like to make a few pertinent remarks.

I feel that tourism should command more support from the State Government, instead of a paltry sum of \$1,000 a year, as it is a potential source of revenue for this State. A few months ago the Honourable the Chief Minister said he would get it started as soon as he got the Report of the Working Committee. As a member of the Working Committee for Tourism I now appeal to the Chief Minister to get started straightaway instead of waiting for the Report, because it amounts to the same — because they will be asking for money. And I am appealing to the Chief Minister to start straightaway.

Now that the free port status of Penang is dying slowly away, I am sure the Honourable the Chief Minister knows about this, and will get as much as possible from the Federal Government of what is due to us. He should get money for the Hill Road and the Dewan Sri Pinang. Build the Dewan Sri Pinang straightaway.

Thirdly, I wish to congratulate the Chief Minister and his State Assembly colleagues in the Ex. Co. for donating \$100,000 to the very worthy Tunku Abdul Rahman Scholarship Fund. This is a very worthy cause. They should also be thinking of contributing a similar sum to the Penang University which is going to be started very soon.

And lastly, I heard about some provision for the extra allowance for hospitality. Can we, the Members of this House, have a grudge, or something like that, every time we meet together to speak about the Supply Bill? I hope the Honourable Members on this side will consider this question. And just don't look at me and smile.

Member for Sungei Bakap (Mr. Kee Yong Chin): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I do not intend to go into debate on the criticisms of the Members of the Opposition, but I would like to assure them that the State Government is very careful indeed in spending public funds. To substantiate my statement, I would like to clarify for the information of members of the opposite side.

Subhead 3 which is the District and Land Offices. As you all know, the District and Land Offices are one of the main machinery of the State Government. And in this year's budget, under Subhead 3, we have only put in three General Clerical Service clerks. The needs which warrant this are indeed very great. As you know, the programme of construction of the low-cost houses in the State of Penang has been stepped up. There are 259 units now in the north-east district of Penang Island, and it is expected that towards the end of 1967 or early in

1968 another 932 units will be completed and occupied. The collection of monthly instalments is made by the District Office, and the following items have to be carried out in connection with the collection, for example:

- (a) Preparation of bills for the payment of the monthly instalments on each house and land;
- (b) Checking on payments and issue of notices in respect of non-payments;
- (c) Maintaining a general and individual deposit account books to record all payments;
- (d) Making journal adjustments of the accounts from deposit to the State Development Fund and relevant items of revenue; and
- (e) Preparing statements in respect of rent collected and statements of deposit balances.

So far in the District Office there is no clerk doing this work, and if one thousand two hundred cases are to be attended to every month, at least one post of G.C.S. is very essential.

As for the other two new General Clerical Service clerks, the introduction of the National Land Code, 1965, the National Land Code (Penang and Malacca Titles) Act, 1963, the Small Estates Distribution Ordinance, 1955, and the National Land Code (Removal of Difficulties) Order 1966, in the State of Penang have more than doubled the duties and responsibilities of the Land Registry. Hence the duties of the District Officers have been increased. So the necessity warrants it.

I would like also to clarify Head 17, Social Welfare. Now, I believe that the Honourable Member for Tanjong Barat has stated that there is no necessity to have a new Welfare Officer to be in charge of the Welfare work. But as you know, youths consist of about fifty to sixty percent of our population, and with misguided youths going about, it is necessary to

form many youth clubs so that they could be concentrated and adopted to do youth work in preparation for the future.

And under these three items I, therefore believe that Honourable Members on the opposite side will take it into their minds that the State Government always takes into serious consideration whenever it wants to increase the personal emoluments of any Heads.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, at the same time, I am happy to note that the leader of the Opposition, who is the Honourable Member for Kota, had agreed that the budget is not an extravagant one. And we have been observing that the criticisms of the Opposition since yesterday are no more on the political trend. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I believe that all Members of this House will support the budget.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Member for Muda (Tuan Haji Ismail Bin Che Chik): Tuan Speaker, saya bangun beruchap sedikit berkenaan dengan ucapan Yang Berhormat Ahli Kawasan Kota kelmarin yang telah mengambil masa kira2 2½ jam itu.

I have always had the greatest respect for the Member for Kota as a great politician. But at the same time, Sir, it is deplored that he is also a very good conjuror in politics. I am sorry that the Honourable Member is not here. I have got to reply to his criticisms yesterday which have been levelled at the State Government and also charges have been made. In his speech which has been reported in the Press this morning he said, with your permission, Sir, I would like to read out what he did say:— "We are not criticising the policies of the Government but the lack of energy, drive, go, and vitality." Of course, as a politician, he is quite capable of misleading the people and confusing the minds of the people by his statement. But, I am sure Honourable Members of this House and the public in the State of

Penang fully realise what the Penang State Government has done for the people of Penang; for the whole State of Penang not only Penang Island; because it is regretted that the Honourable Member is a bit too parochial. He only speaks about his constituency, that is, the constituency of Kota. I do not blame him for that. He was born in the city, bred in the city, and educated in the city; so all his activities should be confined to the city. Those of us who come from the rural areas, I am sure Members of this House will agree with me that we take the interest of the people as a whole in the State of Penang. The Honourable Member was in the Radical Party in the early 1950's; then he joined the Alliance in 1955—1959. He was a member of the State executive Council from 1957—1959. I would ask the Honourable Member to tell this House what he has done during his period of office in the State of Penang. He should be fully aware what development the Penang State Government has done for the people of Penang. If he could look around, he could see the development in the city, in the rural areas, which he appears to be ignorant of.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, another point I would like to touch upon in his speech, in which he said, "I urge the State Government of Penang to think of ourselves. Do not let us praise the Central Government. Do not work too hard for them. The State Government must work on behalf of the State Government. The Alliance Party is in power in the Central Government. We have got cordial relations with the Central Government." Does the Honourable Member wish us today to be a rebellious Government by fighting with the Central Government? The Central Government has given us all the help for the benefit of the people of Penang. I fail to understand what the Honourable Member means to say that we should work for ourselves. As a member of Parliament in the Dewan Ra'ayat, he is entitled to bring up the problems of Penang in Parliament. But, of course, he wants us to break

up, it appears to me; I would not suggest to such an extent, Sir. But I feel, it is implied, he wants us to quarrel and fight with the Central Government, which is not the intention of this present State Government of Penang.

Another point which he has commented, because I intend to be brief, Sir, as my colleagues have already spoken, is the contribution to the Tunku Abdul Rahman Fund. At the same time he said he had the greatest respect for our Beloved Prime Minister and National Leader, Tunku Abdul Rahman; but at the same time he seems to think that the Penang State Government would go bankrupt by making such a contribution of one hundred thousand dollars. May I ask the House, and particularly Members of the Opposition: Can they produce any greater man in this country than our Beloved Prime Minister, who has made a contribution to the welfare of the country and the people of the country? And he is respected not only in this country, but also by national leaders of the free world, countries of the free world, big and small. It appears to me, and the Fund is not, as one Member, the Member for Tanjong Barat and one Member of the Opposition have mentioned, I think, it is just a contribution for personal glory. This contribution is not for personal glory. It is to assist poor students of all races, and I feel it is a very deserving cause, as my colleague, the Honourable Member for Tanjong Bungah, has just expressed.

Another point I would like to point out. He mentioned about our relation in the front bench, between the members of the Alliance in front bench and in the back bench. He has suggested two alternatives: The Government is so weak that it should either resign and hold another general election; or interchange positions between the front and the back benches of the Alliance State Government. I would like to submit, Sir, Honourable Members would realise, especially of my Party, the Alliance Party, that we in the Alliance are united. We discuss with

one another, and I can give assurance to the House that we in the front bench are not here for personal glory, but for the sake of giving service to the people in the country. When it is necessary, many of us may withdraw from the front bench and go to the back bench, and the people in the back bench will come to the front bench. That is our domestic and family problem in the Alliance. We do not want any leader in the Opposition Party to tell us what we should do, Sir. I am grateful to the Honourable Member for Tassek Glugor for mentioning that there is cordial relations between the front bench and the back bench. I am happy to note that this felling exists not only in this House but also in the Party itself. I can quote, with all due respect, the Honourable Member from Tanjong Bungah, who has withdrawn from the front bench and gone to the back bench that he is also a Senator. And with regard to that, you may have read that in the UMNO, a party of the Alliance, we are training our youths in the country, and we do not want any leader of the Opposition to tell us what we should do. We should settle our domestic problems ourselves. We have been in power, and we know what to do. Therefore, Sir, by the grace of God, and by the co-operation and support of the people, as long as my Party, the Alliance Party, maintains the principles of peace, justice and prosperity, we will continue to be in power, not only in the State of Penang, but in this country for many years to come.

Thank you, Sir.

Member for Dhoby Ghaut (Enche M. S. A. Zachariah): Mr. Speaker, Sir, at first it was not my intention to speak on this Bill, having observed so many of my friends of this side of the House have spoken at large; and at the same time all the Members of the Opposition have been given an opportunity to speak, and they have spoken. In the course of their observations, since nobody has gone to the extent of criticising the Bill, I felt it

was not necessary to speak any more. But, however, Sir, I would just like to be brief to some up the observations made by some of the Honourable Members on the other side of the House, particularly my friend the Honourable Member for Kota.

Sir, when I was listening very carefully yesterday to the way the Honourable Member for Kota started making his observations on the Bill I thought he would be speaking for not even five or ten minutes, because at first the Honourable Member for Kota started telling this House that he would not like to criticise the Bill. He would not say that it was frivolous or extravagant. And having said that I fail to understand why it was necessary, having admitted that he didn't want to criticise — that is to say the Bill needed no criticism, or it was not frivolous or extravagant — he went on to say it was very realistic. And yet he took the floor for almost 2½ hours of the time of this House just to speak as a politician. Of course, Sir we do all agree that the Honourable Member for Kota is a very cute politician, and rather a very eminent politician. But I cannot understand why it was necessary for the Honourable Member to speak for such a long time; so much so it has now come to a stage where I feel, Sir, the precious time of this House will have to be prolonged longer and longer. In the course of his observations (interrupted)

Member for Kota (Dr. Lim Chong Eu): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on a point of observation, in view of the fact that the Honourable Member for Dhoby Ghaut has so completely misunderstood me, because he said that I took the floor for a long time because I said that the Bill as presented by the Honourable the Chief Minister was not frivolous nor extravagant, I think it is proper that I should inform him that what I actually said was that because these two words were not appropriate as a definition . . . if the Honourable Member does not quite understand. For example, if he said that an Honourable Member were 'a

good man or a bad man we understand what it is. But if they start saying the Honourable Member is a ship-like man we cannot understand what is meant. 'Ship-like' does not apply. Thereupon it is quite clear that we object to the Bill.

Member for Dhoby Ghaut (Enche M. S. A. Zachariah): However, Sir, the word 'frivolous', as far as I know, I believe, of course, it might mean 'silly' or 'very foolish'. And, of course, everyone knows what is the meaning of the word 'extravagant'. Since it was not his intention to use these two words I take it that he didn't have very much of a criticism on our Bill. That is why I said 'Why was it further necessary for the Honourable Member to go as far as 2½ hours to debate on the Bill?'

Sir, during the course of his criticism, at times we heard the Honourable Member mention that he was trying to help us. I couldn't understand why he was trying to help us. Of course, I would have really sought for his help if he had been sitting on this side of the house like in those good old days. But as it is, I am sure, as mentioned by my colleague, the Honourable Tuan Haji C. C. Ismail, we are capable of managing ourselves, and we have got better leaders than any members on the other side of the House to manage our affairs; and I don't think we need any help from the Honourable Members from the other side of the House.

Sir, at the same time we did hear the Honourable Member for Kota — probably, I believe, he was then in his dreamland — dream of capturing the State Government, maybe at some other distance of time. I call it a dreamland because it is only a mere dream which will never come true. For the information of the Honourable Member for Kota, I would like to mention an instance of what happened in the last State Elections. Of course, my honourable friend is well aware that the same strategy was laid down by the now-defunct Socialist Party which

had a greater majority in those good old days. And as a result, since they had seven or six, I am very sure they thought they would have a chance to capture the State Government; so much so that it is a pity to see, I am sorry to say, in this House the majority of what they had in those days has been reduced to a couple of my Honourable Members whom we see on my right now. And, of course, I hope my honourable friend will not try to seek the same effect.

Sir, in the course of his observations he referred to the free port issue. Of course, the Honourable Member had every opportunity to voice his objections at the Federal Parliament; and, of course, I do believe that he even has done so. But while he was making references to the free port issue in this House I was terribly shocked and rather disappointed to hear a very clever and cute politician as the Honourable Member for Kota is issue out challenges right from the Honourable my Chief Minister right up to me as an elected representative of the constituency of Dhoby Ghaut. Of course, sometimes we do admit that even mere politicians do make mistakes. And in this case I am not saying that the Honourable Member for Kota has made a mistake; but probably it might be just by the slip of the tongue in his brilliant exhibition of 2½ hours of speech-making. And he thought that whatever he said it would be just left unchallenged. And he wanted (interrupted)

Member for Kota (Dr. Lim Chong Eu): Mr. Speaker, Sir

Member for Dhoby Ghaut (Enche M.S.A. Zachariah): If it is on a point of order I will give in.

Member for Kota (Dr. Lim Chong Eu): On a point of order, it was

Mr. Speaker: Which order?

Member for Dhoby Ghaut (Enche M.S.A. Zachariah): Thank you, Sir, for your ruling.

Of course, quite often during the time when we had the opportunity to listen to the Honourable Member for Kota we often heard him give advice to the Members on my side of the House: 'While you walk in the pits; and you might tumble in one of them.' But it is a great pity that the Honourable Member for Kota himself has tumbled in one of the pits. This is how I take it to be. By issuing challenges to Members on this side of the House — and of course there have been, I believe, some counter-challenges issued by my colleagues and friends here — it is up to the Honourable Member to accept it or to say, 'I am sorry'. It is up to the Honourable Member. And I am not going to issue any further challenges on this issue because we do not want to make a mockery of ourselves.

Sir, one other thing: I would like to draw the attention of the Honourable Member for Kota to the fact that during the course of his observations we did hear him say that on the free port issue my friends here have gone to the platform and told the people that the free port issue was taken up by the people of Penang will be consulted either by referendum or plebiscite, or whatever such means. But I for one do not think that any of my friends would have said that. And, of course, there has got to be quite a lot of implications. And we did spend a lot of time in trying to make out the legal interpretation of 'the people of Penang' and 'the Government of Penang'. Of course, I don't want to elaborate on that issue, Sir.

Sir, one other observation. In reply to what the Honourable Member for Tanjong Barat said when he made a hue and cry about the proposed water charges when he heard that maybe the water charges should be increased — either domestic rates or trade rates, or both if necessary, Sir — as a member of the now-suspended City Council the Honourable Member for Tanjong Barat is well aware of the fact. Of course, he is a lone voice in the City

Council for the members of his Party in this House. But he has been privileged to attend all Committee Meetings and to serve in all Committees of the City Council. And I thought he was well aware of what developments have taken place before the take-over of the City Council in so far as the water problem is concerned. And as a member who has been privileged to attend all Committees I thought he was not trying to face facts and realities.

Sir, we have very recently heard that the City Water Engineer was trying to sound a note of warning in saying that if we are not careful enough within the next four or five years Penang Island will be experiencing water shortage. And as a result of that I believe, my friend cannot turn round and say, 'No, I am not telling the truth.' As a result of that, even in the City Council — of course, the Honourable Member for Tanjong Barat would agree with me — as the Party position stand today, or even before the take-over, as I put it, Sir, the Labour and the Socialist Party — or whatever Party they now call it; I am not interested — are still in the majority. If you talk about Party positions, the Labour Party are in a majority. And before the take-over they had decided to increase the water charges. I was really surprised to hear why the Honourable Member for Tanjong Barat was giving comparisons with those good old days when they started building the Ayer Itam Dam, and the then Socialist Party made a boastful cry by saying that 'Oh, after the inauguration of this, and after the founding of this reservoir there won't be any shortage.' And something like that he went on to say, which I could not correctly repeat word for word. Because the then Socialist Party said that there won't be any water shortage it does not mean that there won't be any water shortage, because they are not the Authority, neither were they the technicians. Even though they were the majority Party in power — and, of course, their policies may be tied down with the budgets and so on — this has nothing to do with that. If the Honourable Member

had said that the then Water Engineer had said that there won't be any fear for water supply in future then I wouldn't have raised this point. If the then Socialist Party had said there won't be any water shortage it does not mean we should take it, because they are not technicians, I repeat again.

As I said earlier, it was not my intention to speak. I just wanted to give my comments on a few of the observations made. But to my friends on my left, after all they didn't say very much about it. The only thing which I observed in the course of the comments made on the Bill by the Honourable Member for Jelutong was that he went on to say that as a result of the implementation of the Dock Labour Board it has brought a lot of untold misery and hardship to the workers. I do not exactly agree with him, although this is a Federal matter. Sir, the State Government has got the welfare and well-being of the people at heart. And as such I am to inform the Honourable Member for Jelutong that I am sure he might have observed in the local papers that the State Government has taken every precaution, and had discussions with the Honourable the Minister for Labour. In the course of his discussions he has assured that whatever the people who have been left out of this pool system, as they called it — those registered — if they were found to be genuine port workers he will try to put them back to work. That was the assurance given by the Honourable Minister for Labour. The clarification was again given by my leader of the House, the Honourable Chief Minister, to that fact. I don't think there is any hue and cry because the principle of the implementation of the Dock Labour Board is good. It is good because it has got a safety and safeguard for the workers of the port of Penang which they were not enjoying in the years past. The Honourable Member himself went on to explain that some of them were given a minimum of 20 ships. That is only a minimum, Sir. He went on to say in the course of his observations

that some of them get 15 ships, and so on. But that is the minimum guaranteed by the Port Labour Board to each and every labourer engaged in the field of work. And if anybody was given less than that he could always bring the matter to the Port Labour authorities. I am sure they could look into the matter.

And with those observations I end my speech. Thank you.

Member for Kelawei (Mr. Tan Khim Hoe): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to support the Bill. Before that I mention that the function of the Members of the Opposition is to oppose and criticise the Government. As we all know, time and again they have been doing that all the time.

I would like to touch on the study tour allocation for 1967, which is \$30,000. I am certain those two Members of the Opposition who were with us on our study tour this year will agree that we need a lot of money and planning to attract tourists to our beautiful island. After their return to Penang they have been comparing the amount of money spent and the amount of tourists visiting the other countries; and they were shocked and hoped that we in the State of Penang will find ways to attract more tourists to Penang. So, as a whole the tour was a success; and it also broadened the outlook of the two Opposition Members. We have lived, eaten and travelled together for three weeks; and we found that the two Members of the Opposition are also human and cheerful. And they only oppose the Alliance Government in the Assembly.

Member for Sungei Pinang (Mr. D.S. Ramanathan): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to support the Bill. As most of the points raised by Members of the Opposition have been answered by my colleagues, both in the front and at the back, I will try to reserve my comments to matters of policy on which the Opposition has touched. But before doing so I will make one or two comments on what I may call the machine-

gun attack from the Opposition before going to the big howitzer attack. I do not think I need say very much about the ubi kayu criticism from the Honourable Members on the extreme left because that has been adequately answered by my colleague from Permatang Pauh, and my colleague from Kapala Batas.

Two Members on the Opposition on the right have, however, made certain comments on which I would like to say something. The Honourable Member for Tanjong Barat in his desire for greater efforts to be paid to tourism compared Penang with Hong Kong. I do not know whether he is aware of the population of Hong Kong, and the financial resources which Hong Kong has, because if he were aware of such facts then he would not have made such a comparison.

Another matter to which he referred was the Ayer Itam Dam. If any of his colleagues had referred to this I would have accepted it as part of their lack of knowledge on the subject. But since he happens to be a member of the suspended City Council I can only conclude that he wants to wilfully mislead this House, because he argues that there is no water problem. But he should know because he is aware of information from the City Council Committees. I am sure he is a member of the Water Committee, and is aware of the serious consideration that the officials and even some of the Councilors in the City Council have given the problem of water supply in Penang in the future. The Ayer Itam Dam was, as this House will remember, built about seven or eight years ago. I know a little about it because I had a major role to play when the Dam was being built. It was first considered as far back as 1955 or 1956. A provision was made for that Dam so that Penang's water supply would be kept up to the demand in the 60's. But even as early as 1958 and 1959, when the Dam was under consideration, the Water Engineer had already made plans for the 70's; and he had warned the Council — it is all documented —

that by the early 70's, because of the rate of population rise in Penang we would again be in difficulties. And this House — at least those who follow the newspapers carefully — would remember that the Water Engineer of the City Council in fact suggested an alternative source for water supply in the Sungei Pinang area on Penang Island. But then afterwards the City Council re-considered the matter; and they have agreed to follow a new plan to get water supply from the Muda River. So we must be quite sure that we should not in this Assembly raise matters to confuse the public. There is going to be definite shortage if we do not plan for it now, to see that there is no shortage. And it is because of that that the question of water rates both in the urban area and in the rural areas is being re-considered. He went on to say that the irrigation rate increase was not justified, and argued about it. And I think the Honourable Member for Kapala Batas has answered that point very well indeed, because he is, as he called himself, an anak sawar, and he knows what the problem is. And he has categorically informed this House that farmers, provided the irrigation is kept as well as it is now being kept, will not murmur at paying a little bit more. In this matter it is clear from the speech of the Honourable the Chief Minister, on page 4 — and I quote now:

"For example, in 1965 whilst the cost of maintenance of rateable irrigation areas amounted to \$704,917, the amount of irrigation rates collected was only \$111,334."

So the increase in rates is already definite. It is clear from what the Leader of the Opposition said yesterday that he appeared to be in some doubt whether irrigation water rates are going to be raised or not. It is already provided for in the Supply Bill. And it is found that the increase will not be very much, and it is a reasonable increase.

Coming to another point, the Member for Tanjong Barat also question

the money that this Bill provides for an Economic Secretary — the question why this amount of \$16,320 was being provided for this. Here I find something rather peculiar. In the speech which the Leader of the Party made later he in fact complimented the Government by saying that this is a first step towards his original suggestion that there should be an Economic Development Planning Board. And here is his Lieutenant saying, 'It is no good. You shouldn't provide this money at all.' It is surprising that there should be this division of opinion in this Assembly.

Member for Kota (Dr. Lim Chong Eu): It has only been twisted by you.

Member for Sungei Pinang (Mr. D.S. Ramanathan): Anyway, contrary sentiments which shown how efficient our friends in the Opposition are.

The Honourable Member for Tanjong Utara also spoke in some derogatory terms about the appointment next year of the Economic Secretary. And he also talked about the wastefulness of a study tour, or uselessness of it. Possibly his Party has changed its mind about the study tour. And when next year we sent Members of the Assembly on a study tour they would obviously boycott it.

Another point on which the Member for Tanjong Utara touched was the \$100,000 set aside for the Tunku Abdul Rahman Foundation. Of course, he is entitled to his comments. But I thought it was in very bad taste for him to say that this was being done to maintain the personal glory the Prime Minister. It is not so. And I think it is casting a reflection on a very-much-loved person to say that this is being done for the his personal glory. This is being done for the youth of the country — for those who are not able to go for higher education. And from what I have read, it is meant for everybody — for all youths. And therefore it is not really intended to glorify a single individual.

I now come to the attack on the Bill by the Honourable Member for Kota. I would summarise his attack on the Bill in these words: He says that the Bill is an attempt at bluffing, boasting; and it also shows blundering. I will presently try to prove that it is none of these things. And I will go further and show that the whole speech of the Honourable Member for Kota was in fact an attempt at bluffing, boasting and blundering. It is their Party which is doing all these things; not the Alliance. He talked about the Chief Minister's replies to the 81 questions which the Honourable Members of the Opposition provided with as an exercise in semantics. I would say the exercise in semantics which we had from the Honourable Member for Kota is an even better one, because he used the Honourable the Chief Minister's speech and merely twisted it and quibbled to say that the Government is bluffing, boasting and blundering. I will give one example of his method of quibbling and twisting. In the second paragraph on page 1 the Honourable the Chief Minister says that "I am sure that in due course when trade relations between our two countries are normalised in a formal way we can expect a steady increase." To me this appears to be the most sober of statements. In fact it is a highly-qualified statement. He says "in due course". The speech reads "when trade relations between our two countries are normalised in a formal way we can expect a steady increase". Now, to criticize that is, I say, merely an attempt at quibbling. He should know, as well as everybody else, that the end of confrontation is not a sudden thing, because various normal methods of commerce between our two countries have been stopped for a considerably long period, and you cannot suddenly say, "Immediately confrontation ends, the day after tomorrow, commerce will begin." It is not done that way. It is not easy to do it that way. And in fact only last week I was reading that the economic situation in Indonesia is in fact no better — in fact much worse — than it was almost a year ago. And

the Far Eastern Economic Review published in Hong Kong that in August this year exports from Indonesia amounted to 48 million U.S. dollars. Last September it dropped to 24 million dollars; and in October it dropped to 4.4 million dollars. This is because, in spite of the efforts which the new Government is making to regularise things, and the new law that they have introduced for tariffs, many business men are holding back in the hope that when things have improved a bit they will get greater profits. That is one reason perhaps why Indonesian trade with Penang has not materialised as quickly as we all hoped. But to attack the Honourable the Chief Minister's speech by saying that this is an attempt to bluff the public, and that this is an attempt to boast is, I would consider, downright terminological inexactitude.

Let me go on further to some of the points that he raised. He said that loans should not be used for general administration. We agree to that; and we are not using any loans for general administration purposes. The amount of money that is being provided for the Supply Bill from the Consolidated Fund, which has been the subject of his comment about our deficit Budget, is for the purposes of development increase. And the Chief Minister has pointed out on page three that the Prime Minister in an address to the delegates attending the Afro-Asian Seminar on National Development stated that money spent on development projects was money well spent because it helped to improve the people's standard of living and advance their general welfare. Therefore, what possible reasons there can be to object to the \$600,000 odd that is being added to the Supply Bill I cannot understand. The only reason that he gave was, 'You are committing our reserves, so that when we take over' — which our honourable colleague from Dhoby Ghaut pointed out is a dream — 'we won't have enough money.' That is not a valid criticism. If the money is being wastefully spent then we on this side will accept any valid criticism.

But the fact of the matter is this — and I want to make it very clear: This Supply Bill was posted to all Members at least a fortnight before the meeting. This speech, no doubt was only given when the Assembly began. To argue that unless we have the Honourable the Chief Minister's speech we would not be able to comment on the Supply Bill is in my opinion a lazy argument, because here is the Bill; all the facts are here. A thorough study of this will elucidate what is intended in the Bill. If, however, Members of the Opposition don't want to do their homework, and want to wait for the Honourable the Chief Minister to point out lines of policy, and they want to twist here a little bit, twist there a little bit, it is up to them. But they are not serving the public. I do not think that is valid or legitimate criticism.

Now, there was one point on which he criticized why there is an increased amount for general welfare, and went on to argue that it contradicts his earlier statement about the hope of a better prosperity when trade with Indonesia resumes. I again find it difficult to follow that line of argument. In this Assembly every year there has been a request for further sums to be set aside for all kinds of general welfare — even this youth welfare for which a larger sum is provided. These are all essential matters which need the attention of the Government. Just because we provide a little more money for general welfare it does not mean that we expect that we are all going to be in misery and despair. But we know the needs. There has been every year a request for new books, for example. There is every year a request for destitutes; every year a request from other people who are chronically ill, and so on. We have not been able to do all that we would like to do. But this year we decided that it would be good to set aside a little bit more for the general welfare. And I thought that we were going to get a lot of bouquets for that. Instead we get criticism; and we are accused of bluffing and boasting.

He went on to suggest that new sources of revenue should be sought. Well, that was a perfectly legitimate suggestion. I suppose every Government is on the look-out for new forms of revenue. But in connection with that he began to make a series of statements which actually first astonished me and made me wonder what the full implication of his speech was. He says — I quote from my notes here — 'Stand firm and ask for a revision of Articles 109 and 110 of the Constitution, and we will support you.' The Opposition will support us. He also said somewhere during that part of the speech, that Penang was a sovereign State. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like this House to fully understand the implications of this statement. What does it mean when we say, 'Please stand firm and ask for a revision of this part of the Constitution or that part of the Constitution.' Of course, there is no harm in asking for a Constitution change. It is provided in the Constitution; and it is the right in every independent country to amend the Constitution as and when the need arises. But for a State which willingly went into the Federation to now stand firm and ask for this change and that change implies certain things. And now in this connection I must point out one thing. I have no desire to make a personal attack on anybody. But I think it must be made clear to this House that this Constitution was hammered out 10 years ago in 1956. It came into effect in 1957. The Honourable Member for Kota — and I am merely stating a matter factually — was in the vanguard of Alliance leaders of that time. He was one of those who drew up that Constitution. Were it anybody else who had said this, I would have no comments to make. But for him to come up here and say, 'Ask for this; change that; and we are a sovereign State' — we were a sovereign State, which is not correct. The sovereignty rested with the Queen there. For him to say these things now, 10 years after, I wonder whether he is saying thing for the benefit of the people of Penang, or for the benefit of his Party, because this is the language we hear from some all

the distance from Sarawak. This is certainly not the language of Penang citizens. It is possible that Penang citizens have grumbled against both the State Government and the Central Government. This happens in any democratic country. That is the right of every citizen—to grumble. Go to United Kingdom; go to America. Everyday they are cursing and swearing at the Government. That is because they are democratic countries. But to start talking about separate State rights to the extent that it may even be a cause of trouble between the State and the Centre is I think a bit too much. And I don't think the people of Penang are having interest watched or served by such talk. And in any case, may I ask the Honourable Member for Kota what he has done to remedy the situation in Parliament, which is the real place for this? For example, he wanted to know how much revenue Penang is paying in respect of certain articles. One place to get the information is the Dewan Ra'ayat, because there when he asks a question he will be answered. They have got the information. Here, when any question on a Federal matter is asked, we have to write to Kuala Lumpur, and sometimes the reply does not come in time for the Assembly. So that is where he must ask these questions. Anyway I must say that I was quite surprised, and even shocked, that he should take that attitude about such matters.

And one sentence which he used in the course of his speech was really something that I did not expect him to use—'Penang's continued existence in the Federation is not a liability and not an asset'. I think this statement is altogether wrong. And I think we should make this public. We should tell the people of Penang that this is not a correct statement. We entered the Federation with our eyes open. We knew what was going to happen; but in the interests of national unity that was the only step which Penang could have taken at that time. And everybody practically supported that move to join the Federation. For us

now to raise these matters at this late stage is I think not only not for the good of Penang, but definitely for the bad of Penang.

He went on to argue that a deficit Budget is a trick of Government. I do not know. I suppose that is his general policy of attacking this Bill as bluffing the people. But I do not think any reasonable person would consider that the \$600,000 deficit for which we allow is an attempt to deceive anybody. The reason for that deficit is merely that it improves certain development plans which unfortunately we have to supplement from our own resources.

He went on to argue that the probable deficit at the end of 1967 would be \$2 million. That is only a conjecture on his part; and I don't think it is worthwhile arguing about it. I myself do not think so. Even last year we found that our revenues had increased slightly. It is not always possible, when drawing up estimates, to be totally accurate. We have to allow for a margin of error. Last year, in spite of contributions and so on, in certain Departments revenues had slightly increased.

One very clear example of his attempt to bluff was the way he tried to use the toddy provisions. He argued that we are not getting enough from toddy. And then he went on to say that the money we had provided for advertisement meant that we are going to advertise Penang toddy. I want to pinpoint this because it shows that this is a deliberate attempt to mislead not only this House but the public. What is the provision for advertisement in this section? The amount is \$250. Now, the Honourable Member for Kota, if I am not mistaken, is a member of the Tenders Board. He knows very well that from time to time—maybe one year, maybe two years—advertisements have to be inserted calling for the supply of toddy. Now, \$250 for advertisement is not a big amount. You have to insert the advertisement in three or four issues

in three or four papers; and that will come to \$250. And therefore to argue that that money is going to be used to advertise the sale of toddy is a deliberate attempt to mislead the public. In any case this argument that we do not get sufficient revenue from toddy. I don't think so. In 1966 the expenditure was \$806,000 approximately, and the income was \$1,140,000. And we have budgeted for about the same for 1967—expenditure of \$802,000, and income of \$1,140,000. There is no attempt to bluff anybody. There is no attempt certainly to boast.

There was one other point at which he was critical; and that was with regard to the increases proposed for the I.M.G. workers. I have clarified this point with the Treasury officials; and what I gave as explanation yesterday was correct. The amount of increase is 5%; but in on case will the amount per worker be less than \$12.50.

Well, both he and at least one of his colleagues went on to argue that there was an undue increase in the permanent establishment, and that the monies allotted for P.E. were too large. Even if we admit that argument, I was quite surprised towards the end of his speech to hear him suggest that we should have two new Departments: one, a separate Department for the Speaker; and another that there should be increased provisions for the Registry of Marriages. Tourism is a separate Department. Actually the State Government has considered this question of a separate establishment for the Speaker; but it was felt that the system currently in practice was serving us reasonably well, and we felt that any further expenditure would be unwarranted. That is why this matter has not been taken into consideration for the next year's Budget.

He also argued that we should have increases only if there is productivity. I believe he quoted from the Finance Minister or somebody. Perhaps that was the reason why he suggested that the Registry of Marriages should have an increased staff. Perhaps that satisfies his requirements of productivity.

His final peroration was that Government's control of expenditure is not good, but it is not a frivolous and extravagant Budget; the whole Bill attempts at bluffs, boasts and blunders. And he concluded by saying that we want new vigour. Well, I trust that the debate has shown that we on this side have an excellent team, and we have many backbenchers who are capable of serving on the front bench if the need arose. But we shall do so if the welfare of the people so requires it. But I have very serious doubts as to whether the Party in opposition has shown any capacity even to debate this properly. It is they who are resorting to bluffing, boasting and blundering. They blunder when they issue challenges. For example, he issued a challenge, and he got in return three challenges. He argues that we don't have vigour; but it now shows that this Bill has been properly prepared. There is evidence of very great thinking and very deep consideration of all the factors involved in drawing up a Budget. I would put it to you, Sir, that the very fact that they have not cared even to make one amendment, except these wild charges of bluff, boast and so on, is an indication of the fact that this is an excellency Supply Bill. If they had wanted they could have asked for provision in certain sections. If they had wanted they could have asked to throw out certain provisions. They have not cared to do so. But perhaps it is because they waited for the speech of the Chief Minister and started an exercise in semantics. That shows that actually the Bill is a good one. It is, as in the Chief Minister's words, prepared for the continued prosperity of Penang, and for a balanced development of Penang.

And his other points about fighting the Central Government, and so on, merely indicate on his part a very ambivalent attitude. I think the Honourable Member for Kota suffers from—I am only a layman prescribing for a doctor—a sort of political paranoia, and that he has towards the Alliance a love-hate attitude. He cannot forget

the past when he was closely associated with the Alliance, and he cannot forget the present when he has a very deep—I do not know what word to use—human animosity towards the Alliance and its policies. And that is why he has embarked on this very frivolous and foolish criticism of the Bill.

I would ask the Opposition Party Members to remember that the public of Penang is a very sophisticated, informed public. They can see what is the char and what is the grain. And I think that I am right in saying this: that this Bill that the State Government has prepared is in the best interest of the public; that it is a good Bill; and that it will provide for the continued prosperity and the balanced development of Penang. Thank you.

Chief Minister: Tuan Speaker, the Hon'ble Member for Kota started off his lengthy speech yesterday on the note that the State Government's Budget for the year 1967 was one of bluff and boast. He has expressed the opinion that this Budget was aimed at confusing or misleading the people as regards the actual situation with the State. The Hon'ble Members on this side of the House are quite accustomed by now to the ways of the Hon'able Member for Kota. We cannot understand how he could say that we have been boasting. He has always contended that the people should be kept informed of everything that goes on within the State. This is exactly what we have done. The Budget, therefore, is a sincere effort on the part of the Government to show clearly the problems confronted in the field of social and economic development. The Hon'ble Member also further maintained that we have blundered purely and simply because we have been utilising our general revenue balances. Surely, it is not the view of the Hon'able Member that the increased revenue balances should be carried on from year to year. If that is so, then one must accept the argument that the Hon'able Member does not want us to do anything for the benefit of the people and the deve-

lopment of the State. I would like to pose this question to the House: 'what is the primary responsibility or duty of Government?' To my way of thinking it is an agency which is given a mandate by the people to promote the welfare and the prosperity of the State. As such, it is the duty of the Government to ensure that development is carried out for as we all know without development no progress can be made. We can certainly keep on increasing our revenue balances yearly by not appropriating sums of money to the State Development Fund but by doing so we would be failing in our duty as the custodians of the people's welfare. It is an accepted fact that in any progressive democratic society the primary responsibility of fostering and promoting development lies with the Government. If we do not carry out this work then surely the Hon'ble Members across the floor will accuse us of not only shirking our responsibilities but also bringing about the economic death of the State.

It is true that the revenue balance has fluctuated from year to year. This can be explained quite easily because there have been contributions to the State Development Fund annually. As Hon'ble Members are aware, development projects are financed from the State Development Fund. If no such Contributions had been made in the past, then our revenue balance would certainly amount to millions and millions of dollars. But weighing the benefits which are derived from the implementation of such projects against expenditure, one can certainly appreciate the advantages of undertaking development projects. All development projects bring benefits to our people. In many instances, the benefits cannot be categorised as monetary ones. That is revenue in the form of additional income is not obtained. It is not possible for Government to behave in the manner of commercial trading organisations, that is to expect adequate returns (financially) from capital expenditure. It is, has been, and will continue to be the aim of my Government to concentrate on the upliftment

of standard of living of the people. This is the avowed policy of the Alliance Government and evidence of its results can be seen throughout the country.

As I have explained previously, the State Development Fund is the fund from which all development projects of the State Government are financed. I wish to clarify that appropriation from the Supply Bill is not the only source of income of this Fund. There is another source—that is, loans and grants received from the Central Government for development projects. During the years 1961—1965 we have carried out more than \$41 million worth of projects from this Fund. Out of this \$26 million came from revenue derived from sources laid down in the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution of Malaysia, and \$15 million from Federal loans and grants. The \$15 million does not include direct expenditure, I repeat does not include direct expenditure on development projects in the State by the Central Government. I think it should be proper that we should thank the Central Government for doing all this.

The Hon'ble Member has stated that there is no evidence of recovering in so far as trade with Indonesia is concerned. He has invited me and members of my Government to show him the benefits that we claim have been made since the termination of confrontation with Indonesia. Surely the Hon'ble Member is not forgetting that it was only towards the middle of this year that the confrontation with Indonesia was resolved. He was picked out the reference to Indonesian trade being a trickle of what is was prior to confrontation. This is certainly correct but one must also realise that trade cannot and does not build up to its previous level overnight. If I may, I would like to quote some very interesting figures which show quite clearly the increased trend of trade between Indonesia and our country.

In 1965 January—

August total trade with Indonesia amounted to \$235,000.

In 1966 January—

August total trade with Indonesia amounted to \$415,000.

These figures are obtained from import and export statistical tabulations relating to Penang. Surely there is a significant increase in trade and the trend has been set for this value to increase progressively. The Hon'ble Member also stated that if we were to speak to the padi planters of Province Wellesley they would confirm that the cessation of confrontation has brought them no benefits. I frankly cannot see the relevance of activity in farming or padi planting in the context of trade with Indonesia. This, therefore, is another attempt by the Hon'ble Member for Kota to confuse the public particularly the rural dweller or to use his own words "bluff the people".

Now we come to the subject of increases in personal emoluments. The Hon'ble Member has emphasised the need for curtailing expenditure with regard to this subject and has commented on the increase of thirty-four posts on the establishment. There are in fact thirty-four new posts, one upgrading but against these four existing posts are or have been abolished. Whilst appreciating the need to minimise the increase in personal emoluments, it is important that one must not lose track of the fact that the volume of work increases year to year, thus justifying the creation of new posts. I would like to give the Hon'ble Member the assurance that all these new appointments are considered very necessary, hence the reason for their creation. The new appointment particularly those in respect of the State Secretariat, Department of Agriculture and in the Water Section of the Public Works Department have been created to cope with the additional duties and responsibilities of these departments.

- (a) For example, the post of Principal Assistant Secretary (Economics) MCS, Superscale 'H' is required to undertake economic planning for the State. Do we not want further economic progress? I do

not know why the Opposition should criticise us for making provision to promote greater advancement of the State and the people in the economic field.

- (b) To quote another example, we are creating five new posts of Junior Agricultural Assistants. We have thirty-five posts of Junior Agricultural Assistants and out of this a certain number are engaged in providing agricultural education, in pest control and in the maintenance of agricultural stations. The remaining Junior Agricultural Assistants have to supervise an area of 4,000 to 5,000 acres of agricultural land each. This ratio is too small for the farmers to derive real benefits from the knowledge and know-how of these officers. This is the reason for the creation of five additional posts of Junior Agricultural Assistants. Similar reasons apply in respect of the other posts in the Department of Agriculture.

- (c) Ten new posts are being provided for Public Works Department — Water Supply. One post of Technician, Special Grade, is specially required for maintenance of Water Supplies in the Butterworth District which is developing at a rapid rate. The other nine new posts are required because the State Government has decided to take back the collection of water charges from the District Councils and this will help us to save an average sum of about \$40,000 annually.

- (d) Under Head 3 we are providing for three new posts — on for the Land Office, Penang and two for the Registry of Titles / Deeds, Penang. The Land Office appointment is required to bring about the early and regular collection of monthly instalments of low-cost housing units which are increasing rapidly from year to year. The two other posts for the Registry are needed principally to facilitate speedy land transactions.

- (e) Six new posts have been created for the Five Services Department. Of these, five are meant for Pulau, where a new fire station is to be built. One post, that of Leading Fireman, is for Butterworth where the number has been found to be inadequate. It must be accepted and agreed that we should provide for an efficient fire service.

- (f) The upgrading referred to is in respect of State Civil Service appointment from Timescale to Superscale (State Civil Service Scheme).

Tuan Speaker, two Hon'ble Members from the United Democratic Party made a contradictory statement with regard to the appointment of the Principal Assistant Secretary (Economic). One argues that instead of this officer we should utilise the services of the State Civil Service Officer thereby providing an avenue of promotion for such officers and also save money in the long run. The second Hon'ble Member on the other hand suggested, in fact, emphasised the need for the immediate establishment of the State Economic Planning Development Board even if it costs the Government an expenditure of nearly \$100,000. If this does not indicate the confused state of affairs within the United Democratic Party, then I cannot really understand what else it could be. Now, we have created this post in 1967 as we feel that the need has now come for such a person to be available for the purposes of undertaking independent planning and research work. This must indicate that in so far as new appointments are concerned the State Government exercises strict sense of economy.

The Hon'ble Member for Kota when speaking on the revenue items referred to the sale of toddy. I stand to correction, but I feel that the figures quoted by the Hon'ble Member in respect of this item, if examined carefully, would only confirm that it is profit making, that is in the sense that it shows a

surplus. For the information of the Hon'ble Member for Kota I would like to quote the actual figures in respect of this item.

Sale of Toddy — \$1,140,000 on page 21.
Expenditure — \$ 802,660 on page 93.

Surely these figures will prove that the Hon'ble Member is trying to "bluff" the people again by giving incorrect information. This is a very irresponsible action on the part of the Hon'ble Member.

One other point which was given a great deal of emphasis was the proposed increase in water charges. Nearly all the Hon'ble Members on the floor made reference to this particular item. It is not the policy of the Government to make this a profitable project. The reasons are very obvious as Government has to bring a supply of clean water to the rural areas and the capital expenditure incurred is very great. At present the amenity of plentiful supply of clean water is enjoyed extensively or exclusively or to a great extent by the urban population. It is the aim and desire of Government to bring the standard of living of the rural people to that of those in urban or more developed centres. One cannot deny the fact that the people in the rural areas should also enjoy the comforts and the necessities of modern living. To skimp on this expenditure would be to deprive the rural dweller of such comforts. The proposed increases in water charges though enabling more revenue to be collected have been brought about primarily to meet the repayment of servicing of the loan which is necessary for the implementation of the new Muda River Water Supply Scheme. This vast project necessitates the application for loan funds and hence the need for us to obtain increased revenue to meet the servicing charges which are likely to be very great. The Hon'ble Member for Tanjong Barat has also expressed the hope that such increases will not be passed on to industrial establishments. Any increase in water charges must be born by all within the State.

Surely the Hon'ble Member is not suggesting that industries and industrial establishments be subsidised by other consumers within the State. In some other connection he has referred to the hardships of farmers and other sectors of the community and it would, therefore, be inconsistent to expect these people to accept increased water charges and subsidise industrial establishments. I would like at this stage, however, to assure the Hon'ble Members that the Government is certainly aware of the problems. In fact these problems have already been anticipated and measures designed to assist industrialists have already been taken. It is proposed to make available to the industries sources of untreated raw water for industrial consumption. In this connection, I would like to refer to the two new projects at Prai River and the Juru River. The implementation of these two projects will enable us not only the provision of water for irrigation but also serve as a source of water supply to industrial concerns.

Tuan Speaker, the Penang Hill Railway has figured prominently in the debate particularly in relation with the promotion of tourism. Hon'ble Members have been informed from time to time of the request made by the State Government for Federal assistance in the implementation of this project. The Hon'ble Minister of Finance has been addressed on this matter on several occasions. Therefore, it is not correct to say that this project has been shelved. As a matter of fact it has been included for implementation in the First Malaysia Plan.

With regard to the increase in respect of irrigation rates, all the speakers across the floor have stressed that we are taxing the poor. I have previously, when introducing the Supply Bill mentioned that the revenue derived from irrigation rates meets only about 16% of the expenditure incurred in maintaining irrigation areas. Therefore, the imposition of these increased rates is a sincere and honest effort on the part of the Government to meet the cost of maintenance. There is clearly no

profit involved. The additional revenue which will be brought about by the increased rates will be utilised to offset the increased cost of maintenance. The Government has spent millions of dollars on irrigation schemes and it is, therefore, reasonable to expect the people who derive benefits from such schemes to bear greater responsibility and share the burden with Government. Therefore, this increase is a very reasonable one. This additional contribution from the farmers which is definitely within their means will assist the Government to a great extent. It is, therefore, my hope that the Hon'ble Member across the floor will not confuse the issues and mislead the farmers into believing that they have been burdened unnecessarily by the Government. Already three Hon'ble Members have labelled this increase as exploitation of the poor farmers. Hon'ble Members must adopt a fair and responsible attitude and give the true picture to the farmers.

Tuan Speaker, bolehlah di-katakan bahawa kita Party Perikatan ada-lah satu Party sahaja yang mewakili penanam2 padi dalam Negeri Pulau Pinang ini. Kita sedar dengan sepenoh2-nya segala masa'alah2 yang di-dapati di-kalangan penanam2 padi dan saya dengan ikhlas-nya menguchapkan berbanyak2 terima kasih kepada ahli Yang Berhormat yang di-sebelah sini lebeh2 lagi bagi kawasan Kepala Batas, Nibong Tebal, Balik Pulau dan Bayan Lepas dan Permatang Pauh kerana telah memberi penerangan yang jelas serta terang bagi menyokong tambahan cukai taliayer. Kita ketahui bahawa Ahli2 Yang Berhormat ini yang telah menyokong tambahan cukai taliayer ia-lah sebenar2-nya mewakili kawasan penanam2 padi. Mereka bukan sahaja mewakili kawasan2 ini tetapi juga mereka tinggal dan dudok dalam kawasan2 tersebut. Oleh itu tentu-lah mereka mengetahui masa'alah2 penanam2 padi itu boleh lebeh daripada ahli2 dari pihak pembangkang. Saya perchaya kebanyakan-nya tidak pun pernah melawat kawasan padi. Kalau-lah mereka membuat lawatan kasawah2 padi dan melihat segala kemu-

dahan2 yang di-beri oleh kerajaan mereka tentu-lah sekali menyokong chadangan Kerajaan bagi menaikkan cukai taliayer ini.

Pada hari kelmarin dan juga pada ini ahli2 dari pihak pembangkang telah menggunakan issue menaikkan cukai taliayer ini sebagai modal mereka bagi menarik perhatian penanam2 padi supaya menyokong kepada party mereka. Ini ada-lah semata-mata untuk mengaborkan mata raayat teramat sekali penanam2 padi kita yang mana kita perchaya tidak semudah yang di-buat sebagai yang di-katakan oleh pihak pembangkang. Kerap kali saya memang mempunyai rancangan2 lain untuk membawakan hasil Negeri. Negeri Pulau Pinang ini memang bertuah dan bernasib baik kerana penduduk2 yang mempunyai tanggung jawab serta sanggup menjalankan usaha2 mereka dengan memberi kerjasama kepada Kerajaan untuk keamanan dan kemaamoran negara kita.

Tuan Speaker, coming back to the question of tourism Hon'ble Members have been quick to compare expenditure between Hong Kong and Penang. The Hon'ble Member for Tanjong Barat who referred to the expenditure on tourism by the Hong Kong Government would have been more correct if he had compared Malaysia as a whole and Hong Kong in the course of his speech. Instead he chose to compare Penang which is a constituent state of Malaysia with a sovereign British Colony, that is Hong Kong. We are aware that the Central Government derives revenue from tourism and in this connection, approaches have been made to it for a greater contribution in respect of the development of tourism within the State. We do not expect the Opposition to compliment us but at the same time they should not decry our sincere efforts.

With regard to the question of free port status of Penang Island the Opposition has made a lot of unnecessary and misleading statements aimed only at capturing more votes, and not considering the interests of the

people nor the State as a whole. As I have said before the Alliance Government is determined to endeavour in securing the free port status so long as it is beneficial to the people and the State as a whole. I have also stressed that this matter requires very careful economic consideration. This is one of the reasons why we have requested for the services of the World Bank Survey team. The complexity of the problems involved has also made it necessary for the creation of one post of Principal Assistant Secretary (Economics) to undertake planning and research work.

Reference has also been made by the Opposition to the Customs Ordinance (Amendment) Act. As I understand, this Act gives the power to the Minister of Finance to impose duty on commodities entering Penang Island from abroad, without further reference to Parliament. This does not, however, mean that the free port status of Penang has been abolished. In spite of all the attempts by the Opposition to delude the people of Penang we are still enjoying the benefits of the free port status. No one can deny or refute this statement.

Here I would like to draw the attention of this Assembly once again to the assurance of the Prime Minister, the assurance which simply means that before items are included in the Customs list Penang will be persuaded to accept them. The Central Government has been true to this assurance. For example, before motor vehicle tyres and tubes were added to the list the State Government was consulted, and due heed was paid by the Central Government to the advice of the State Government. We recommended that bicycle tyres and tubes should not be included in duty list since this would affect people in the low-income categories, and the Central Government was kind enough to agree to this. I might also add that so far motor vehicle tyres and tubes are the only items which have been included in the duty list and nothing more. We agreed to the inclusion of motor vehicle

tyres in the Customs list as it was very necessary to support the local industry which was facing unfair competition from duty-free foreign tyres imported into Penang Island. Mr. Speaker, our country has most of the raw materials necessary for manufacturing such tyres. There was also the urgent need to create and promote further employment opportunities for our people. This is the result of concrete action on the part of the State Government. Tuan speaker, I am absolutely certain that if the Opposition had been in power they would have lost the entire free port status long ago.

What has the Opposition done? They are not capable of doing anything good. They can only make noise. They have done nothing concrete regarding the free port status. Since they cannot do anything good they now make noise like children by calling for fresh elections, just like children crying in order to attract their parents' attention, when they are in difficulty or in a mess. I am certain that the people of Penang are endowed with a greater intelligence than the Opposition gives them credit for, and will, therefore, not be beguiled by this political stunt of the Opposition.

Towards the end of his speech the Hon'ble Member for Kota made reference to the Auditor-General's Report for 1965. One of the items mentioned by him was that the provision for the acquisition of land was not utilised. I am sure Hon'ble Members are aware and realise that acquisition of land takes considerable time to complete. Squatters have to be found alternative areas and the legal processes involved generally take a certain amount of time. Therefore, it is not always possible to utilise completely the provision authorised for this expenditure. The Hon'ble Member for Kota has also described the inability to use this provision as lack of vitality or push on the part of Government to carry out its work effectively. How he arrived at this conclusion is certainly beyond me. I have

known the Hon'ble Member for a considerable length of time now and I would like to compliment him for the efficient manner in which he comes up with new slogans every year. He has described 1967 as a year of gloom. The Government is not unduly concerned about the slogans and the attempts of the Opposition to ridicule its work. My Government believes in reality and will face its problems squarely. The Hon'ble Member has suggested that there should be a general election to test the confidence of the people in the Alliance State Government. The people of this State are aware of and have regard for our adherence to the principles of parliamentary democracy. Therefore, the elections will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in reply to the request made by the Member from Bagan Ajam that the street lighting for the Mak Mandin Industrial Trading Estate, what I am aware is that according to the National Electricity Board, Butterworth, a system for providing street lighting in Mak Mandin has been given to the District Council, Butterworth, but so far no order to carry out such work has been made by the District Council. It is understood that the estimated cost of this work is approximately \$3,000, and the Council has a large reserve.

With regard to the telephones in Mak Mandin, it is understood that the Butterworth Exchange equipment is now nearing full capacity, but the Telecommunications Department is giving priority to applications for telephones from industrialists in Butterworth. It is, therefore, expected that there will be no difficulty in making available at least a telephone to each

of the industries located there. It is also understood that the Telecommunications Department in Kuala Lumpur has approved a proposal to install an additional equipment in the Butterworth Telephone Exchange.

Tuan Speaker, berkenaan dengan pandangan2 yang di-kemukakan oleh beberapa Ahli2 Yang Berhormat saya suka hendak memberi akuan kepada ahli2 yang Berhormat itu Kerajaan akan memberi timbangan.

Sir, I would like to round off the debate by referring to the leading comments in the local English newspaper. The column has praised the State Government for the efficient manner in which the State finances have been managed. — "There is nothing extraordinary in a deficit Budget, especially in context of the need to meet continuing development commitments." Further on reference is made to the need for development and the column had this to say — "In this connection, we agree that the Government is obliged to consider the needs of the people and the areas in order to bring about a balanced development, and the fact that the Government will be drawing on its reserves to meet the anticipated deficit points to a concentration on activity in the right direction." A concluding remark was that there should be general satisfaction in the good shape of the State's finances. Tuan Speaker, these remarks more than adequately describe the main features of the Budget.

Terima kasih.

Question put and agreed to.
Bill accordingly read a second time.
The Assembly adjourns at 4.35 p.m.
to 21st November, 1966, at 10 a.m.



