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Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri (Dr Lim Chong Eu)

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” ” Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah)

” ” Kawasan Bayan Lepas (Enche' Ismail bin Hashim, J.P.)

” ” Kawasan Butterworth (Enche' Ooi Ah Bee)

” ” Kawasan Kepala Batas (Tuan Haji Ahmad bin Haji Abdullah, A.M.N)

” ” Kawasan Glugor (Enche' D. C. Stewart)

” ” Kawasan Permatang Pauh (Tuan Haji Mohamad Nor bin Haji Bakar, J.P.)

” ” Kawasan Dhoby Ghaut (Enche' Khoo Teng Chye)

” ” Kawasan Nibong Tebal (Enche' Teoh Chung Hor *alias* Teoh Kooi Sneah)

” ” Kawasan Muda (Tuan Haji Abdul Kadir bin Haji Hassan, J.P., P.J.K.)

” ” Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan)

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” ” Kawasan Jelutong (Enche' Koay Boon Seng)

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TIDAK HADZIR:

Yang Berhormat Ahli Kawasan Bukit Mertajam (Enche' Ooh Chooi Cheng, J.P.).

Dewan bersidang sa-mula pada jam 9.30 pagi.

DO'A.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Bakap (Enche' V. Veerappen): Dato' Yang Di-Pertua (*gangguan*).

Ketua Menteri: Tuan Speaker, saya suka mengambil (*gangguan*).

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Bakap (Enche' V. Veerappen): Will the Honourable the Chief Minister (*gangguan*).

Ketua Menteri: bahagian dalam perbahasan (*gangguan*).

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Bakap (Enche' V. Veerappen): Dato' Yang Di-pertua, saya belum ada chakap dalam ini.

Tuan Speaker: Yang Amat Berhormat, saya benarkan.

Ketua Menteri: yang dikemukakan oleh Yang Berhormat Ahli daripada Butterworth untuk menyokong Usul menguchapkan terima kaseh kapada Tuan Yang Terutama Gabnor, di-atas ucapan beliau di-Dewan ini.

Tuan Speaker, mula² saya ucapkan terima kaseh kapada Ahli² Yang berhormat yang ada mengambil bahagian. Saya berasa susah hati sedikit sebab Yang Berhormat Ahli daripada Sungei Bakap ingat saya tidak dapat. Tuan, tetapi masa ini panjang. Dalam bahasan ini dan apa² perkara yang telah di-bangkitkan, saya berjanji Kerajaan akan beri perhatian dan menjalankan apa² tindakan yang sesuai. Tuan Speaker, di-dalam bahasan mengenai Usul ini banyak perkara telah di-bangkit. Terlebih dahulu saya jawab perkara² yang di-bangkitkan oleh Yang Berhormat Ahli² dari Balik Pulau, Tasek Glugor, Muda, Permatang Pauh dan Kepala Batas.

Di-dalam perbahasan Yang Berhormat Ahli dari Balik Pulau, dua—tiga perkara ada-lah untuk perhatian saya. Yang Berhormat dari Balik Pulau telah membangkitkan perkara bayaran rendah yang di-terima oleh buruh² di-kilang². Ada-lah tujuan Kerajaan Negeri untuk mengatasi masa'alah pengaggoran dalam Negeri ini. Usaha² telah di-jalankan untuk menarek sa-

berapa banyak pemodal asing dan mereka telah tertarek ka-Negeri ini kerana bayaran buruh tidak terlalu tinggi. Kerajaan Negeri fikir ada-lah lebeh baik untuk bekerja dengan pendapatan rendah daripada tidak bekerja langsung.

Mengenai chukai taliayer, saya ingin mengatakan bahawa walau pun chukai taliayer di-kenakan pada 20hb Mach, tahun 1967, satu notis di-bawah Sekshen 62—Ordinan Kawasan Taliayer Nombor 13, Tahun 1953 telah di-letakkan di-tempat orang² ramai sejak itu lagi. Jadi tidak-lah benar tuduhan bahawa notis di-beri pada tahun 1971. Mengenai chadangan dari Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Balik Pulau, supaya sa-batang jalan di-bena untuk menghubungkan Ayer Itam ka-Balik Pulau, sukachita di-ma'alumkan bahawa perkara ini sedang di-beri pertimbangan oleh Kerajaan Negeri.

Tuan Yang Di-Pertua, Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Tasek Glugor harus menghargai bahawa pembentokan Kerajaan Champoran ini merupakan satu perkara tolak ansor di-kalangan pemimpin² politik dalam Negeri ini, saperti yang di-nyatakan oleh Tuan Yang Terutama Gabnor dalam ucapan beliau. Saya tidak payah bacha balek apa yang Tuan Yang Terutama Gabnor ucap di-dalam ucapan beliau. Sebab itu kami di-dalam Kerajaan Champoran merasa ganjil apabila Yang Berhormat Ahli dari Bagan Ajam berlagak saperti yang telah di-lakukan-nya itu.

Mengenai chadangan Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Tasek Glugor supaya satu Badan "Parents who cannot afford books", satu Badan di-bentokan bagi membantu murid² sekolah membeli buku² bacaan. Saya ingin me-ma'alumkan bahawa satu Badan serupa ini telah pun di-tubuhkan bernama Lembaga Biasiswa Kechil, Pulau Pinang dalam tahun ini—tahun 1972. Badan ini telah memberi bantuan am sa-banyak \$51,007.60 kapada kira² 5,444 murid². Sunggoh pun jika Kerajaan Negeri ada lebeh banyak lagi wang, Kerajaan fikir ini satu Lembaga yang mesti kita tuboh yang lebeh giat dan kuat.

Mengenai perkara bising yang dibuat oleh Wokshop Motosaikal di Bukit Mertajam, ini satu perkara yang ada berbangkit di-dalam Majlis Daerah Seberang Tengah. Tetapi saya fikir Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Tasek Glugor boleh mengadukan perkara ini kepada pehak Polis yang dapat mengambil tindakan di-bawah "Public Nuisance Act". Ada lagi satu perkara² "Court House" mengenai perkara sebuah mahkamah di-Bagan Serai. Ini ada-lah satu perkara yang di-bawah jagaan Hakim Besar. Saya telah menerangkan mengenai perkara ini di-dalam jawapan kepada Soalan Mulut. Saya harap-lah kalau ada apa² lain yang Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Tasek Glugor mahu bangkit, boleh bangkit sekarang di-Dewan Rakyat.

Tetapi ada satu perkara yang penting, perkara yang bahaya yang Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Tasek Glugor ia-lah mengenai tunjok perasaan atau "demonstration" oleh 32 orang penaja² di-hadapan Bangunan Tuanku Syed Putra bukan Bandaraya, baru² ini. Saya menasehatkan Yang Berhormat Ahli dari Tasek Glugor supaya menyiasat butir² mengenai perkara ini sa-belum ia-nya di-bangkitkan di-dalam Dewan ini dan jangan-lah lekas sahaja mendengar khabar² angin. Di-dalam hal ini juga, saya ingin mengulang kenyataan oleh Tuan Yang Terutama Gabnor bahawa Kerajaan Negeri ada-lah bertujuan untuk membetulkan keadaan ekonomi yang tidak seimbang supaya ia-nya boleh menjamin, bahawa semua rakyat kita tidak kira keturunan bangsa atau darjah akan mempunyai peluang yang sama untuk mendapat chara, hidup yang adil dan saksama di-dalam sebuah masyarakat Malaysia yang ber-satu padu.

Sa-kira-nya ada perkara² yang menyentuh aspek perkauman di-dalam Negeri ini, Ahli² Dewan harus-lah menyelesaikan-nya sa-chara aman supaya tidak timbul perbalahan. Saya harap Yang Berhormat Ahli dari Tasek Glugor boleh-lah balek berunding dengan kawan²-nya dalam 30 orang yang buat demonstrasi itu.

Tuan Yang Di-Pertua, Yang Berhormat Ahli dari Muda yang telah membangkitkan soalan banjir di-Kawasan beliau seperti juga Ahli Yang Berhormat Ahli dari Kepala Batas, saya ingin menasihatkan bahawa di-Kepala Batas saloran² ayer ada-lah terlalu kechil dan juga banjir yang berlaku pada tahun dahulu ada-lah luar biasa. Walau pun di-dalam ucapan Tuan Yang Terutama Gabnor, beliau tidak menyentuh hal² mengenai ranchangan mengatasi banjir di-Seberang Perai tetapi di-dalam ranchangan² Jabatan Parit dan Taliayer, sudah dapat ranchangan bagi mengatasi masa'alah tersebut di-Seberang Perai Utara dan lain² tempat di-Negeri ini.

Tuan Yang Di-Pertua, Yang Berhormat Ahli dari Permatang Pauh telah membangkitkan masa'alah mengenai perkara bayaran yang terlalu rendah oleh kilang² untuk pekerja. Untuk ma'aluman, gaji yang di-bayar ada-lah mengikut kadar yang sedia ada di-dalam sa-suatu jenis pekerjaan. Oleh yang demikian, tidak-lah benar anggapan bahawa gaji² itu terlalu rendah atau pun sa-balek-nya. Yang Berhormat Ahli dari Permatang Pauh telah juga membangkitkan soalan banjir di-Kawasan beliau dan saya ingin menasehatkan bahawa Kerajaan Negeri adalah sedar akan masa'alah itu dan ranchangan² tertentu akan di-jalankan untuk mengatasi-nya.

Tuan Yang Di-Pertua, sekarang saya minta izin untuk menjawab perkara² yang di-bangkitkan oleh Ahli² Yang Berhormat dalam Dewan ini yang berchakap dalam Bahasa Inggeris. Saya minta izin.

Mr Speaker, Sir, the debate yesterday in this House was in many ways a weak debate on the part of the Opposition because not very many points were seriously raised by Honourable Members of the Opposition. In spite of take up certain issues there were only two major areas of contention; and one centered around the dramatic antic on the part of the Honourable Member from Bagan Ajam who tried by his own "do-all" manner to get himself into history, upon which were

raised problems of constitutional importance which I hope the House will give me some time to deal with later on, because there are people who always get themselves into history. Whether they end up in history as a quisling or otherwise is a matter for the future to decide.

The other major issue was that the Members of the Opposition, by and large quite naturally tended to belittle the effort of the Government. And the name of the Chief Minister has become a talking horse. They are running short of points. The debate is lacking somewhat. Then the Chief Minister gets beaten up for being dictatorial; being all sorts of things. That is part of the gimmick; part of the style in this present House. But in trying to belittle the efforts the Government has made, they attempted to indicate that the Government had not been dynamic enough and that the Government had not produced results. I hope, Mr Speaker, Sir, that in my answers, my replies to the points that were raised, I shall prove quite conclusively that the Honourable Members of the Opposition never seem quite to know what they are doing or what their own deeds and words actually mean, and that in this House they have proved by their statements that the facts that they raised cannot be given any credibility by any serious person in this House or in fact by any serious person in this State.

Tuan Yang Di-Pertua, I would like to begin with the drama of yesterday and come to deal with the statement made by the Honourable Member for Bagan Ajam. Personally, I would not have taken this matter and dealt with it in this House or even to highlight it because it was purely a political Party matter which should probably be dealt with within the Party. However, the Honourable Member for Kelawei, who is always very quick on the uptake and always trying to make use of other people's capital, and also a relative newcomer in the field of politics, immediately took up an issue and tried to dramatise the already wanton act of the Member for Bagan Ajam

by trying to move a Motion under Standing Orders 118. And to my surprise, he was supported in principle during the speech by the Honourable Member for Ayer Itam who also touched upon the Constitutional aspects. I would have thought that the Honourable Member for Ayer Itam, with his long political experience would have seen through the political immaturity of this stunt. However the important thing is that the issue has been an attempt to tie the antic, political antic of the Honourable Member for Bagan Ajam, with what it is reported to be a Constitutional issue. What is the real story?—Everybody now knows the story of the crisis of the Gerakan of almost a year ago; and everybody who is following the newspapers would have realised that the Honourable Member for Bagan Ajam, as a Member of Gerakan, played a very peculiar role in this crisis. This point was stressed by my colleagues the Honourable Members for Tanjong Barat and Bayan Lepas. The Honourable Member for Bagan Ajam showed himself to be a very indecisive person and that he was wavering and never very sure about what his political ideologies really were or what his objectives were, and how he could serve the interest of the people. He wavered between joining the break-away group and the Gerakan and keeping in with the main body of the Gerakan. That I must say was a balancing act which ended yesterday by a big fall! By so doing I suppose the breakaway group managed to get some information through him about what the Gerakan planned or intended to do, but certainly I, as Member of the Gerakan, got a lot of information from him about the thinking, plans and tactics of the breakaway group. But that is always the trouble whenever one deals with people who are undecided and who try to curry favour from both sides.

Mr Speaker, one can think of what happened yesterday and treat it lightly or one can take it seriously. I choose to take it seriously, because I think the action of the Honourable Member

for Bagan Ajam has brought discredit to this House. His stunt adds to a popular misrepresentation of politics and politicians in general as being "dirty"; that is the usual thing. Why people don't like to take up politics or enjoin or get involved in politics is because it is a dirty business. And certainly I think his behaviour yesterday was a below-the-belt action of a dirty political rat. To that extent I think the general public has every right to know the matters that transpired within the Gerakan Party which do not probably have anything to do in this House or in fact with the Government, because what actually happened should have been, as I said, a pure Party matter.

At the time referred to by the Honourable Member for Bagan Ajam, it was I think about August/September 1971. I took the trouble to read through the papers early this morning, but I don't usually lay much stress on what the papers report. They have every right to state what they say. They have every right to take different colours and it is interesting because I said I read the papers. The Honourable Member for Kelawei merely shakes his head and "che, che chiks" like a lizard. But that is surprising—he is usually much more vocal—he can speak better than being a chichak.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): We want to hear your answers; people want to hear your answers.

Ketua Menteri: Well, you see if you do not interrupt you will bear them soon. Now he is a little more vocal than being a lizard.

At the time of August/September 1971, the Honourable Member for Bagan Ajam had been asked by the Gerakan Party to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Party. Those were the circumstances. The two persons he referred to were good-intention Members of the public who were mutually friendly with the Member for Bagan Ajam and myself. They used their good offices to persuade the Honourable Member for Bagan Ajam

to talk things over with me and they tried very hard to patch up differences between the Party when they came to see me together with the Honourable Member for Bagan Ajam. I explained to the Honourable Member for Bagan Ajam that it was very good that he has decided to come back to join the Party. And he tried to stay the proceedings of the Party—at the time of his expulsion, suspension, on the 23rd August 1971, he wrote a letter to the Acting Secretary General, Party Gerakan Ra'ayat Malaysia.

"Sir,

I shall be grateful if you can kindly convey the contents of this letter to the Working Committee of the Party. I have always been a loyal Member of the Party Gerakan Malaysia and I have and shall fully support its aims and objectives and the Constitution.

I hereby declare that I am in full agreement that the discipline of the Party should be exercised in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Party.

I further declare that I have no intention to join any other Party, and that I will not participate in the activities to form a new Party as announced by Dr Alatas and some Members of the Gerakan who have created the crisis in our Party. I shall remain as a loyal Member of the Party Gerakan Malaysia and, as such, I shall abide by the Constitution of the Party and the Manifesto of the Party in Penang and I shall do everything I can to support the Gerakan Penang State Government.

Therefore, I shall always vote with the Penang State Government and support the Motions, Bills and Resolutions moved by the Penang State Government in the State Assembly."

. (gangguan).

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan):

"Yours faithfully,

Lim Chong Eu".

Ketua Menteri: Mr Speaker, Sir, if the Honourable Member for Kelawei wants to treat this as seriously as I do I think he shouldn't interrupt because it is bad enough to associate yourself with such a stinking business, but I think to interrupt, when you yourself have asked for an elaboration, is bad taste.

Mr Speaker, Sir, I went on to explain to the Honourable Member for Bagan Ajam that the other Members of the Gerakan State Assembly in view of the crisis that had taken place in the Party where we had witnessed a lot of attempts to undermine and subvert the Party, the other Members had voluntarily, of their own accord, agreed to tighten up Party discipline by submitting an undated letters of resignation. Although I personally did not think that such document would be effective, and there were others who shared my view, it was, nevertheless, the general opinion of the Party Caucus or Caucus of the Assemblymen that this would be an act of faith and undertaken in the knowledge that it could only be sustained if the persons who undertook to sign this document honoured the act and on this mutual agreement I myself subscribed to it in that spirit. I informed the Honourable Member for Bagan Ajam that this was what had happened and I told him that under the circumstances, if he wished to come back to the Gerakan, that it would make it easier for him to persuade the other Members of the Party that he was really sincerely desirous of getting back to the Party by doing likewise to demonstrate that he himself would honourably abide by the decision of the Party, particularly of the Caucus of the Assemblymen. At no time, Mr Speaker, did I use force, blackmail or threaten him. As a matter of fact, the Honourable Member for Bagan Ajam took several weeks to think over this proposal and eventually send his letter to me through the good offices of one of these two gentlemen. The two gentlemen concerned are Mr Lo Leng Kee and Mr Lye Meng Ng. At the same time, the Executive Committee of the Gerakan Party held its

procedure of expulsion against the Honourable Member for Bagan Ajam and eventually withdrew it. That Mr Speaker, is the story that the Honourable Member for Bagan Ajam and his new-found friends in the Opposition benches tried to capitalise upon and to dramatise yesterday.

Mr Speaker, Sir, the seriousness of the situation is for him to suggest that I forced him, blackmailed him and threatened him to make this signature and produce this letter. This I assure this House is totally incorrect. He might have been carried away by the act he was obviously planning to do. As a matter of fact, to be fair, I think this is a matter which I said would not normally have been brought up here. On many occasions he has come to visit me socially, personally; come to my house only recently with 3 of his friends with a bottle of brandy and in a merry mood he came round and talked to me. On other occasions he came to my house and pledged that he was more loyal to me than other people in the Party.

Allowing all these things, I take within my personal purview—I reserve my own opinion. But what is important is that yesterday he indicated at the time when he undertook this act of faith he obviously had no faith because he, at the same time, took the trouble to go to a Notary Public to get an Affidavit signed. That however is a matter entirely between him and his conscience and the Party and not something which involves the House. Now this is the kind of attitude that we see.

Now, I would not like to go on on this, Mr Speaker, because I think the Honourable Member for Bagan Ajam is sometimes rational, not at all times, but at times when the psychopathologic situation is not so great he is fairly rational. He also, I think, will admit that at the time he saw me he raised with me this question of his financial difficulties. Again, I would not have touched on this, except in the course of his speech he himself said that he hoped that I would go to a temple and all that with him. I do not think

it necessary because I have nothing to hide. I am just repeating exactly what happened and he said "you know I am bankrupt to employ a lawyer". That is exactly his words which I took down. By that time he told me he had his personal financial difficulties; and I told him that these difficulties were his personal matter and should not be correlated with Party matters or with matters concerning the Government. And I think he agreed with me at the time; and I think we should leave it at that point.

Tuan Yang Di-Pertua, the serious aspect of this statement is that the Honourable Member for Bagan Ajam may by his own right choose to cross the floor. That is his purview. After all other Members have done it. But they have done it probably with a little bit more cover—making a big fuss to hide their political change of heart; to hide the long-term conspiracy they have had to try to penetrate the ranks of Gerakan; to use the name of the Gerakan, you know; and then eventually to break away. Other Members have done it much more subtly, and in a much more gentlemanly manner, like the Honourable Member for Tasek Glugor. So there are many ways of crossing the floor. One, to cross the floor at the beck and call of the Honourable Member for Kelawei who says "Come, come, come", One who follows his beck and call may probably be following the kind of pointer on the road which shows "DANGER AHEAD, Come, Come, Come". But the Honourable Member for Bagan Ajam was accorded by his own Party Members, by his own colleagues and the Caucus of Assemblen, an honour to second the Motion of Thanks to His Excellency's Gracious Speech. That normally, in Parliamentary practice, is considered to be an honour, an occasion to be upheld.

Now, if the Honourable Member from Bagan Ajam had already decided at the time that he was going to cross over the floor, the honourable thing to do—what a person of character would do, what a person who is brought up well and who thinks

properly would do—would be to say, "Well I don't think I would second this motion". But he accepted. Now, even up to yesterday morning when he apparently had already decided to cross the floor, he could have still in honour to this House—that is why I say the dignity of this House has been touched upon—he could have said, "Well, I am withdrawing; I am not going to second this motion". And he could have done exactly all that and he could have crossed the floor. He could have made all the statements that he had done with some effectiveness, but without the malicious malignity. Now this is an important aspect of it.

Ahli Kawasan Bagan Ajam (Enche' Ong Yi How): Dengan izin, point of clarification, Tuan Speaker.

Ketua Menteri: The Honourable Member from Bagan Ajam has got nothing to clarify from me because he has already clarified to the world at large and to this House that he is a man of no character, who has got no honour because of this act. Under the circumstances, it is left to his own constituency, to members of the electorate of his constituency, to judge for themselves whether or not they are likely to get any kind of results from representation by such a person.

Now Tuan Yang Di-Pertua, I would like to go back a little bit on constitutional aspects of election. The Honourable Members from the Opposition are wont, they are very fond of bringing up the question of elections and co-relate it as a process—a democratic process of election of parties concerned. Now I see in front of me—some of them are absent—that the benches of the Opposition are slowly being filled, and they are being filled by 4 members of the learned profession—2 very astute, long-time politicians who, I remember, had come out into politics soon after Independence in this country. They might have taken part in politics before this but as far as Malaysian public life is concerned, they came out in politics after Independence. Now they should know, and the Honourable Members of the Opposition should know, that the

Constitution advises, and the constitutional spirit of Parliamentary democracy elections imply, that the body of electorates within a constituency has the right to elect their own representatives through the Legislature—in this particular case—the Legislative Assembly. Election is an individual matter concerning the electorate and an individual whom they elect—the person himself as a candidate—and from amongst these candidates the electorate chooses a person as an individual.

Now it is obvious that in the history of the development of Parliament and the development of democratic assemblies and legislative assemblies such as we have, the question of the formation of the Executive Council, in our case, or the Cabinet, or the instrument of Government, depends upon the degree of agreement and discipline among certain members who were elected into the Assembly. And the history of political development has necessitated that the men who put themselves up as candidates come to some prior agreement before an election under a common party platform—a manifesto—or they come to some kind of party whip or line within the House whereby they have to discipline themselves. Now, this has been one of the strenghts and one of the weaknesses of the democratic institutions as to whether or not the party in power or any elected Government has the power really to discipline its members or to get its members together. Now, a lot of that goes into the question of the build-up of the party spirit, dedication, and so on. For example, in my long discussions with senior Members of the D.A.P. some years ago, they told me that their system of political discipline was built upon a selected cadre of people who would never break up; and this cadre had been indoctrinated with the aims and objectives of the Party to the extent that they would never resign from the D.A.P.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Mr Speaker, Sir, Standing Orders—objection under Order 46 (vi) which reads “Every Member shall confine his observations

to the subject under consideration and, where more than one question has been proposed, as by way of amendment, the debate must be relevant to the last question so proposed until it has been disposed off.” I know that the Party Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia, or whatever it chooses to call itself, is under discussion here by virtue of our sensational development yesterday, but certainly there has been no such development from the D.A.P. and I don't think that the D.A.P. is the topic of the Governor's speech. I am quite prepared to have some very fine and subtle reference, but when the Chief Minister goes on in such a, shall we say, boring manner referring to the D.A.P., I think that he has already violated the Standing Orders, Sir. If we wish to uphold the Standing Orders—if we don't wish, then of course we can suspend it again today—then I would suggest, Sir, that the Hon'ble the Chief Minister, more than anybody else, should try to sustain the Standing Orders of this House, and if he would then we would allow him some degree of flexibility.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli Yang Berhormat, tak usah beri statement yang begitu panjang. Saya sudah faham.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Yes, will you make a ruling on that?

Tuan Speaker: Yang Berhormat Ketua Menteri, jangan-lah panjang sangat dalam perkara ini.

Ketua Menteri: Yang Di-Pretua, saya terima. I don't think I was speaking at length. I did not even touch upon it and certainly yesterday the Honourable Member from Kelawei stood up, waving all sorts of Standing Orders. And I presume, at that time, when he stood up, he did not act as a D.A.P. Member; he just stood up as an ordinary member from Kelawei. But in any case, I was talking about party discipline—how party disciplines are enforced and the impossibility of party discipline being enforced—and this is an issue which the Honourable Member had insisted I talk at length and tell the House about.

As I said, the senior Members of the D.A.P. have told me that they have tried very hard to get party discipline on this basis of formation of political cadres; that D.A.P. Members will do or die as D.A.P. Members. Well, I thought that was a very terrific statement because I thought that the discipline in the D.A.P. was very great and they have certainly held my admiration for some time.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Mr Speaker, Sir under Standing Order 46 (vi) again. You have made a ruling, but the Honourable the Chief Minister does not wish to accept the ruling. That is not respect to the Chair nor to this House. As I say, he can make whatever illustrations he wants, but not as a substantive point, and he is going on with this argument. So I wish to ask the Chair to make a ruling again on the Chief Minister. If not, then I don't think we need to proceed any further. We might as well suspend the Standing Order and have a "free-for-all".

Ahli Kawasan Butterworth (Enche' Ooi Ah Bee): D.A.P. stand! (*Ketawa*).

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): If you want to speak, stand up and speak.

Ketua Menteri: Yang Di-Pertua, I have accepted your ruling, and I was trying to get away from the subject as soon as I could. We are there because the D.A.P. is not particularly one subject which I normally like to touch upon, but these people were prepared to do or die. That is what they said and this was, therefore, a demonstration of their discipline. It is terrific, alright. I saw Members leaving the D.A.P., you know, willingly leaving, crossing the floor. I began to think that even this method of cadre system did not work, and the problem of exerting party discipline in the nation and in Malaysia again is a problem that concerns all political parties. And political parties as they grow, and in Malaysia as we move on towards the development of democratic institutions and Parliamentary democracy, will neces-

sitate that various parties will devise different ways and means of trying to maintain the discipline among its rank and file and maintain order among its rank and file. That, Mr Speaker Sir, is something which is part and parcel of the development of politics and of political institutions within the spirit of the Constitution of our country, and this will be a continuing problem. I know that in the history of the evolvement of political parties on our country, which is a fairly new one, several political parties have used different means, and even some of them have used the method which I have described earlier. But as it was clearly demonstrated, there is never any real success in using this kind of method as a method of enforcing discipline.

However, what is the main purpose of this kind of action, of these methods, of this kind of device made by different organisations to keep members within the ranks? The fundamental thing depends upon the honour of those members who associate themselves in political organisations. Once no faith, no honour, exists, then no form of discipline can be maintained under democratic principles and herein, Mr Speaker, I submit to you that it is unfortunate, to my mind, that the Honourable Member from Bagan Ajam had chosen the peculiar manner of doing his stumbling act in this House. This has given the general public a bad impression of politics and politicians as a whole, but I hope that the general public in Penang and the electorate, in particular, will not take this one example to mean that all politicians or all politics are as dirty, despicable and perfidious as the act by the Honourable Member from Bagan Ajam; even in this House, as I crossed swords with the Honourable Member from Kelawei who used the Standing Orders to try to disrupt my arguments. We accept that as part and parcel of the game; he has still a long way to learn, to ripen, but he is ripening quite well, and I think, standing as I did in the political arena in this country, I

have some length of history behind me and certain amount of experience to know how people shape out.

And, after all, we realise very well—I certainly personally, as an individual, realise very well—that we can't hold the stage forever, but it is part of our responsibility that in the process of Government, we should nurture the democratic institutions and uphold the constitutional provisions of our country. And we hope to see, amongst those who participate in the sessions of different assemblies, men and, I hope someday, women who will participate in such a manner in this Assembly that the public will choose from amongst them leaders of the future—people who will take the State into the future with some degree of confidence. I think that the antic that was done yesterday—the political stunt that was done yesterday—might carry headlines in some papers but it doesn't carry headlines in others. Some papers announced it as a shock; some papers announced it as a flop, or whatever it is. I mean, after all, in a democratic country, newspapers have their right to say whatever it is. But it certainly didn't come as a shock to me. I mean, it certainly didn't come as a shock to us because we are a functioning political party. We know what people are doing. We know how to measure them. The long period of examination of the desire to return to the Gerakan by the Honourable Member of Bagan Ajam had to be examined against the light of the above actions. Either he was betraying his friends—the Member from Tasek Glugor, the Member from Ayer Itam and Sungei Bakap who walked, you know, in front of Patani Road and were photographed (*gangguan*)

Ahli Kawasan Bagan Ajam (Enche' Ong Yi How): Malacca Street, Malacca Street.

Ketua Menteri: Malacca Street. Either he was betraying them, or he was betraying us; either he was crawling in or crawling out, we had to measure. It did not take very long but, I mean, history is such that it doesn't take long.

You give a man sometime and he shows himself. And between September and June, within 8 months, the true colours, the true character of the Member of Bagan Ajam showed. We have lost nothing. We are not shocked by it. As a matter of fact, this is a normal procedure. When I first met the Honourable Member from Bagan Ajam, I can assure you I did not know him at all. When he was introduced to me, there were people who said he was a good chap. There were others who said: "Be very careful of this fellow". (*Ketawa*) I mean, these are the kind of things which one has got to weigh. There were some who said: "Here is a man fighting for Chinese education"; publicly saying: "I am going to spend money to build a school for you"; contributing openly to funds and not paying cheques. (*Ketawa*). And others who told me: "Be very careful; here is a chap who broke his father's heart." Well these are things that people said and (*gangguan*)

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Mr Speaker, Sir, objection under Standing Order 46. I think that we in this House know that the Honourable the Chief Minister might get carried away, but we hope that with his political experience he wouldn't get carried away. I know although he says he is not concerned, he is shocked, but he may be very angry. We would like him to keep the decorum of this House in proper perspective. I would like to refer him to Standing Order 46 (xiii) which says in (d) that "a Member must not indulge in personalities". I don't think the relationship between the Honourable Member for Bagan Ajam and his father is of any concern to this House. None of us are interested. I think that is carrying things a bit too far. I say here that the Honourable the Chief Minister is entitled to say a lot of things but not (*gangguan*)

Tuan Speaker: Ta'payah bagi statement Yang Berhormat. Saya overrule. Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri, sambong.

Ketua Menteri: Yang Di-Pertua, I am not trying to imply anything. I am just saying that these are the things that people said. Now, I don't take this in any light as what people say. I mean, I have been brought up for many years under tradition. They have said—what say they, let them say, and I have no proof, one way or other, whether it was this or that. But I accepted him in good faith because he joined the Party; he was an elected representative; he became a member of the Assembly, then a Government backbencher. I accepted him in good faith, although this was what people said. After all in public life one meets all sorts of things and one has got to take things as they come in good faith. Now that the Honourable Member has chosen to show his true colours and to make a way—well, I say good luck to him and I hope this is where the Honourable Member from Kelawei tries to break an argument and interject unnecessary things because no real intention is meant; because I do hope by dealing with some lag, this subject, I do hope that we should put aside this matter and forget it because in the history of politics in our State I don't think it is good to remember this act—it is an act taken under the limitations of the individual's attitude and we had to take it as an individual appearance and not as being representatives of politics in the State or of politicians in the State as a whole; and I think it's best forgotten rather than to refer because to remember it would be, I think, to besmirch the good name of this House. After all, Honourable Members from the Opposition are always telling me to uphold the dignity, the honour of this House and I can assure them that has always not only been what I have said in this House and outside but that has been one of my trends of philosophy for a very long time and it has also been one of my personal struggles in the history of development of politics in Malaysia, to get more good men, more honourable men involve in politics but people don't like to be involved in politics because they always think there's

something dirty about it; and that is why I say it is best to set aside this kind of events and forget it. Otherwise we would be sent to the underworld terms with no standing orders, suspending standing orders and have a free-for-all. The Honourable Member from Kelawei seems to like all these terms. I am happy to say that all that he says here is part and parcel of his contribution to this House and he goes outside to drink coffee and forgets it altogether. He doesn't take out time to shoot me or something like that. Now that is part and parcel of the game of cut and thrust in the House. Otherwise what will happen is that the terms of the underworld can creep in. The underworld use terms like canary and rat and they have an interesting quiz and that is a cross between a canary and a rat—they call it a gutter's snipe. So he could use all this kind of terms and certainly amongst the lowest terms of occurrences would come out of this House if they use this kind of terms but I think, Mr Speaker Sir, we had witnessed an act which was wrongly timed. If with purpose, objectives, I understand it but the method—timing—particularly at the choice of time to support His Excellency's gracious speech, an act of honour normally given perfection is not to the decorum, nice word from the Honourable Member for Kelawei. I wish him the best of luck. Mr Speaker Sir, other points that were raised by the Honourable Member from the Opposition, Members of Opposition, as I said touched upon another large issue—an area which tried to belittle the performance of Government and belittle our effort, cause confusion in the minds of the people, make them suffer from more doubts, fears, instead of reflecting the spirit which His Excellency the Governor in his speech had made mainly to slowly move forward from the 70's to the 80's. What we do today will lay the foundations or destroy the foundations of economic progress that we tend to make in the State and which will carry us to the 1980's. Honourable Members might think I am waxing rich in this statement; they

may even think that perhaps I am carried away by sentiment. In actual fact the Master Plan Report consultants of that report make a projection which carried us up to 1985 and hence the work that we do today in this Assembly will carry us forward to the 1980's if we function properly in this House. Honourable Members from Opposition, Honourable Member from Ayer Itam yesterday said: "you know what has happened, the Government has been in power three years and what has it done?" Tuan Speaker, I think Members in this House should not lose sight of the fact that the House was re-convened about April last year—about slightly over a year ago. Now, between April last year and in May 1969 the time of the State Election, the State and the country went through a very difficult time. The job of maintaining peace and stability in the State many members think is a simple matter but it is not. Honourable Member from Ayer Itam indicated who are these people who are anti-national in our midst but our newspapers, also Honourable Members of Opposition like to refer to, had indicated that recently, only last month, four Communist flags were found within the State. Then the Honourable Member immediately jumped into conclusion. The Honourable Member for Ayer Itam likes to jump to conclusion. He takes a nebulous point and jumps to a conclusion to suit his purposes not to contribute to the work of this House or this Assembly but to jump to his own conclusion for his own purposes. He says Government men will call critics, all critics—communists, and the Honourable the Chief Minister would even use his influence to put in custody if he were anti-national. The matter should be left to the Minister of Home Affairs. I agree that the matter should be left to the Ministry of Home Affairs but I can assure him the part, the functions that the Chief Minister carries is to maintain the security of the State. The only thing is if you are not a communist don't pretend that you are a communist and don't say: "well, I am a critic and therefore I am a commu-

nist"; and there are many people who like to show that they are communists and try and get other people into trouble but they themselves will stay clear of it. The very fact that they are not in custody shows that they haven't done anything anti-national. But it doesn't mean that that being so, Government should not at the same time be carefully aware of the activities that are going on throughout the State. Sometimes Honourable Members have to be protected—they should know it themselves. The Honourable Member from Bagan Ajam also said the Members have referred to a lot of points and they said the State had done nothing. Three years have gone by, what had been done? Look at the state we are in—Honourable Member from Jelutong, Honourable Member from Tanjong Bungah said—unemployment. What has the State done to unemployment? Look, Government is useless. They raised the question and points that were given to them in the written reply. They said: look at the number and size of the industrial estates. The industrial estate is 2,000 acres, in Prai a total acreage of 4,000 and yet what had they done; only one hundred over acres are taken up. That shows the Government is inefficient; the Government hasn't got any strength, the Government is not dynamic. Mr Speaker Sir, I said on many occasions in this House that if Honourable Member chooses to ask the wrong questions they must inevitably come to the wrong answers. The Honourable Member from Ayer Itam said that we had no experience, we do not know how to study matters in depth, which takes time and then he expanded it, and says, oh, you must do this quickly. Now if these contradictions are brought up in the Assembly now, the Honourable Member from Ayer Itam and, I think the same kind of comments reflected from the Honourable Member from Tanjong Bungah, is that we have not revised a nice economy particularly with regard to unemployment and that the size taken up by industrial estates show clearly our views. Strangely

enough the Honourable Member from Ayer Itam I thought made the most constructive of observations of the manufacturers of the opposition yesterday. Then, in actual fact, what is the position today? Mr Speaker Sir, I would like to indicate to this House the enormous uptake and how it economically checks upon the development that the State has engendered in this State. It is very difficult to take an overall view of progress and development in the State. But of the total number of estates, industrial estates, in the State the uptake of these estates indicates that as on May 31st, 1972, 158 acres of the industrial estates of the State had been taken up. Now it's very difficult for us to assess development on the private sector although as you said the figures are now being colated as a review. Then immediately the Honourable Members of Opposition said: "what, look at these huge estates and only 158 acres taken up—nothing has happened." How does one really look at this problem. Between 1959 and 1969, 5.45 acres were taken up. Let's say we need not consider the size of the uptake. Now between June of 1969 and May of 1972 a total of 103.5 acres were taken up. Now how do you, how do we co-relate this pace and how do we justify this term of revitalizing economy? Now it means that over a period of ten years the average annual uptake of land for industrial development was in the region of 5.45 acres per year. But since June of 1969 to May of 1972 the uptake has been at the rate of 103.5 acres for three years which is an annual uptake of 34.5 acres. Therefore the increased rate of uptake is in the order of about six times. Now that is how we define a pace of economic development in industry.

The problem of jobs—between 1959 and 1969, 2,407 jobs were created through the development of factories in the Mak Mandin area. Now between June of 1969 and May of 1972 the number of jobs created in the industrial estates was 2,904 which means that in three years we have doubled the job potential created by the deve-

lopment of the industrial estate. The annual job creation rate through industry or the development of factories in ten years preceding May of 1969 was in the area of 240 jobs to 240.7 jobs per year. Whereas the increase in the uptake in the last three years has been in the order of 968 jobs per year. But this only deals with the factories that are already in operation. We have to see whether or not the economic revitalization and economic uptake can be sustained and as Honourable Members know the new term of agreement with the industrialists who propose to come to the State to set up industries is that once they sign an agreement the agreement has got to be completed within two years, that is to say, the factory has got to be put into operation within two years. Now factories under construction—they are now under construction in the industrial estate—are 16 and of these factories under construction the jobs or employment potential is 2,388. Now factories that have been approved for construction will produce 8,191 jobs. We will not deal with the applications that have been received for further development or the enquiries that we have received. Now if you quickly add up this total number of jobs which have been created in the 3-year period it comes up to a figure of approximately 22,000. The amount of capitalisation that these factories imply—the factories in Mak Mandin have a capitalisation of 69.6 million, factories in Prai which are almost entirely established after May of 1969 were 126.93 million. The factories in Bagan Serai Industrial Estate—the capitalisation is \$20 million, and the Prai Estate Free Trade Zone is \$5 million, in the Prai Wharf Free Trade Zone \$6 million, Pulau Jerejak \$1 million, and at Bayan Lepas \$18.5 million. Now I think the total uptake in capitalisation in investments in the State clearly shows that there is a general revitalisation of the economy in the State.

In this House I had indicated that the Consultants for the Master Plan had also formulated that the multiplying effect in relation to direct jobs

is 2.56. Under the circumstances, the State's performance in the last 3 years is encouraging. Now this is taking one sector where there can be fair checks and controls over the exact factors of economic uptake in the State and, if we were to add a general assumption that the private sector works even faster than the Government sector, the public sector, the ratio of 2:1; we hope that in actual fact that the State's economy is much bigger than that what I have presented in terms of hard-headed facts which the State has taken in relation to one particular sector of development namely the area of the industrial estate development and of the establishment of the free trade zones in the State.

Now what exactly is this potential economic value? Honourable Members from the Opposition are wont to bring up "Why does the Government send people abroad unnecessarily? "How much have they contributed?" It is difficult really to assess the contribution that the State Government does achieve from these trips. The Honourable Member for Tanjong Bungah I think will be the first one to admit, that Marvin Plake when he made his observation with regard to tourism in the State and the need for greater promotion of tourism, that that particular statement was directed at the Federal Government and that statement also urged the State Government and the Federal Government to send more delegations abroad for promotion purposes. So on the one hand one cannot tell the State "Look at what Mr Marvin Plake has said" and at the same time tell the State Government "You musn't send delegations abroad". You have to take your stand either this way or the other way.

Now in terms of job creation, I have indicated that approximately 22,000 jobs were created. But if we take the round figure of 20,000, we have another denominator economically to show us the kind of performance. The denominator is generally calculated that the cost of creating one industrial job direct, the capital formation required, is in the region of \$25,000 to

\$40,000. Now if you were to just take the lower figure and not take the higher figure, it would virtually mean that the results which are taking place in the State in its economic revival can be measured in terms of $25,000 \times 20,000$, which is approximately \$500 million worth of jobs. Now that is the amount of assessment that is generally accepted and against that one could measure the expenditure and promotional efforts and measure whether or not these efforts are justifiable. Now this is the performance of the State; and I hope that the Honourable Members from the Opposition will from now on in this House join in with the larger problem touched upon by His Excellency the Governor in his speech namely that in order to sustain and to support this economic development there will be a lot of dislocation amongst the citizens and we would want to minimise whatever hardship that is caused through our programme of development and also we have to reform the administration in a manner that it can service these developments. For example, in general terms, in purely general terms, I think Honourable Members must begin to appreciate that the policy of economic development of the rural areas and the urbanisation and industrialisation of rural areas means that we have to bring infrastructure services to these areas. In fact, in terms of budgetary provision, in terms of financing of capital projects for essential services like drainage, electricity, water rates to these areas, we have the same vitality which we have obtained from support from outside countries bringing in joint venture to promote industrial development in our State. On this point, I would like to touch only on one matter that was brought up by the Honourable Member for Tanjong Bungah. I think he, in the course of his speech, referred to Japanese industrialists. The policy of the State is such that we welcome industrialists from all countries who genuinely come to assist in our development. And I feel that the Honourable Member for Tanjong Bungah was probably carried away by

his own speech and he mentioned two atom bombs. But I think that could hardly be to the discredit of the Japanese because they suffered from the two atom bombs rather than the other way round. But whatever it is, the idea he was trying to reflect, I think, is a political one—there is a growing tendency in South East Asia to view the growth of Japanese economy with some degree of fear. But we can say that the decision of the Japanese Government to expend a larger yen credit to Malaysia for development purpose will enable more Japanese industrialists to participate in development in our State and in our State we would welcome this participation. In fact, we would welcome participation, as I said, from any quarter in the world, provided they conform with our objectives.

The Honourable Members from the Opposition have also referred to this question of my leading a delegation to Indonesia. I do not think that there was real criticism of the move. Personally, I wish to say that the welcome accorded to the delegation by the Indonesian officials and the Indonesian Government authorities was an extremely cordial one and our discussions on the potential of revitalising or redeveloping the trade between Indonesia, particularly northern Indonesia and Malaysia and in particular with Penang, were extremely encouraging. And I had discussions with representatives of the Chambers of Commerce and urged them to try and build up a proper trade delegation to visit Indonesia. I hope also that as things develop, the Honourable Mr Speaker, you yourself, would consider organising a delegation from this House to visit the various Assemblies in Indonesia because they have a slightly different form of Government structure from what we have. And when our delegation were in Indonesia, we came across delegations of this nature from the State of Perak and from the State of Selangor. And I personally feel that it would be a very fruitful development if such a delegation were to come about. Whatever it is, we have taken up some of the

suggestions made to us in Indonesia as rapidly as we could and the establishment of the Free Trade Area at Weld Quay will immediately provide us with the facilities to meet any programme that the Indonesian Government may launch with regard to the establishment of a ferry between Medan and Penang and with the development of the trade associated with that ferry. The projects are carried out on a very extensive scale in Indonesia and they are reported extensively also in magazines and by newspapers and international trade reports and by the reports from the Indonesian Government. And Honourable Members who are interested in this kind of development can follow this from these various reports.

Yang Di-Pertua, I feel that the two major issues taken up by the Honourable Members of the Opposition have been fully answered. I hope that the Honourable Members from the Opposition will partake in this and involve themselves in the development of the economy of the State and contribute constructively towards strengthening of our legislation which will be necessary if we want to ensure that this development is sustained and carried forward into the years ahead.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Tuan Speaker.....

Ahli Kawasan Butterworth (Enche' Ooi Ah Bee): Tuan Yang Di-Pertua

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): dengan kebenaran berchakap

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Bakap (Enche' V. Veerappen): Dato' Speaker

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan):, dalam Bahasa Inggeris.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Bakap (Enche' V. Veerappen): Dato', tulong nampak sini.

Ahli Kawasan Butterworth (Enche' Ooi Ah Bee): Tuan Yang Di-Pertua, saya hendak

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Bakap (Enche' V. Veerappen): Dato' will you please look this side.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Tuan Speaker, I stood up first.

Tuan Speaker: Kelmarin saya sudah bagi

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Bakap (Enche' V. Veerappen): Are you going to allow us to speak?

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): The Chief Minister just talked about democracy and everything else. But now this tactic is being adopted in this House.

Ahli Kawasan Butterworth (Enche' Ooi Ah Bee): Sebagai penchadang . . .

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): I stood up first, before that Member.

Tuan Speaker: Saya nampak dia dahulu. Kelmarin saya sudah bagi . . .

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): This tactic is highly unbecoming of this House.

Tuan Speaker: Sila dudok.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Bakap (Enche' V. Veerappen): Tuan Speaker punya keputusan yang mahu dengar.

Ahli Kawasan Butterworth (Enche' Ooi Ah Bee): Tuan Speaker

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Bakap (Enche' V. Veerappen): Dato' tidak bagi keputusan. Apa macham ini? Bagi peluang atau tidak mahu bagi peluang? Sekarang dia, orang yang menchadang Usul ini, kalau dia sudah chakap orang lain tidak boleh chakap.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli Yang Berhormat, sila dudok. Kelmarin saya bagi peluang, saya tanya siapa mahu chakap. Siapa tidak mahu chakap. Saya sebagai Speaker—my ruling is final. Yesterday I shouted "Anybody wants to speak", nobody wanted to speak.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Bakap (Enche' V. Veerappen): Tetapi ada juga orang chakap. Kalau tuan ada tanya

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Nobody spoke yesterday?

Tuan Speaker: Please sit down.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): This is a high-handed way of handling things in this House.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Bakap (Enche' V. Veerappen): Dato', minta ma'af-lah kena bawa Usul tidak perchaya atas Dato' kalau macham ini.

Ahli Kawasan Butterworth (Enche' Ooi Ah Bee): Tuan Yang Di-Pertua, sebagai penchadang Usul ucapan oleh Tuan Yang Terutama Gabenor, Pulau Pinang, di-Dewan Pertama bagi Penggal Kedua yang telah di-lafaskan oleh Tuan Yang Terutama pada 6hb Jun, 1972

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Tuan Speaker, dengan kebenaran

Tuan Speaker: Saya harap jangan ganggu. Sila dudok.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Mr Speaker, Sir

Tuan Speaker: Sila dudok, jangan ganggu.

Ahli Kawasan Butterworth (Enche' Ooi Ah Bee): Saya sangat-lah dukacita dengan kualiti perbahasan

Ahli Kawasan Bagan Ajam (Enche' Ong Yi How): Let the truth come out in this House.

(Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan), Ahli Kawasan Tanjong Bungah (Enche' Khoo Soo Giap), Ahli Kawasan Jelutong (Enche' Koay Boon Seng), Ahli Kawasan Sungei Bakap (Enche' V. Veerappen) dan Ahli Kawasan Bagan Ajam (Enche' Ong Yi How) menunjok perasaan keluar Dewan, tetapi Ahli Kawasan Bagan Ajam di-panggil balek oleh Tuan Speaker).

Tuan Speaker: Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Bagan Ajam, sila masuk balek. Saya minta Ahli Yang Berhormat jangan buat dua kali macham itu.

Ahli Kawasan Bagan Ajam (Enche' Ong Yi How): I apologise, Tuan Speaker.

(Ahli Kawasan Bagan Ajam keluar Dewan).

Ahli Kawasan Butterworth (Enche' Ooi Ah Bee): untuk mengucapkan terima kasih kepada Tuan Yang Terutama sekali lagi oleh Ahli² Yang Berhormat dari sebelah Dewan di-sana nampak-nya sekarang sudah kosong dan saya menganggapkan mereka sebagai omong² yang kosong sahaja. Saperti biasa mereka tidak memberi apa² chadangan atau pun keritik² yang membena dalam apa chara jua yang telah di-ucapkan oleh Ahli² dari pihak Pembangkang. Mereka hanya berchakap demi mendapat pablisiti yang murah dalam akhbar². Dengan walk out mereka pada pagi ini ada-lah menunjukkan kepada kita, membuktikan kepada kita semua bahawa mereka ada-lah sa-olah² untuk mendapat pablisiti sahaja. Tuan Speaker, saya berasa dalam perbahasan semalam, Tuan Speaker telah memberi masa yang panjang untuk mereka membahaskan ucapan Tuan Yang Terutama Gabnor. Tetapi, oleh kerana aksi dramatik yang telah berlaku mereka ingat ia itu apabila mereka membuat ucapan semalam pablisiti tidak akan timbul dalam newspaper pada pagi ini. dengan itu, saya perchaya, Tuan Speaker, mereka tidak hendak membuat ucapan dalam Dewan ini pada masa semalam walau pun masa berlebihan² yang telah di-beri untuk mereka membuat ucapan. Ahli² Yang Berhormat telah pun melihat bahawa pada perbahasan pada hari yang pertama musuh kita dalam selimut, ia-itu Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Bagan Ajam telah membuat satu perkara yang sensational apabila beliau melompat ka-sebelah Dewan untuk bersama² dengan Ahli² Pembangkang sa-telah memberi ucapan yang begitu panjang tetapi tidak mengandongi apa² terhadap Kerajaan Negeri. Perbuatan ini, Tuan Yang Di-Pertua, tidak payah saya mengulas lagi oleh kerana saya perchaya beliau telah di-ketok oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri tadi. Jadi,

tidak payah-lah saya mengulas lagi apa yang saya hendak chakap pagi ini. Tuan Yang Di-Pertua, sejak 11 bulan yang lalu tingkah laku-nya, pandangan² dan ucapan² Yang Berhormat Ahli daripada Bagan Ajam itu telah benar² menunjukkan kepada kita di-mana kesetiaan beliau letakkan. di-sebelah pihak Kerajaan atau di-sebelah Pembangkang. Boleh di-katakan sikap beliau pada masa² yang lepas itu ada-lah saperti sa-orang yang berdiri di atas tangga atau pun di atas pagar mengikut mana yang boleh pergi ada-lah sebelah mana angin bertiup.

Di-dalam masa ucapan-nya, Tuan Yang di-Pertua, kita selalu mendengar bahawa beliau menyebut ia-itu sebagai saorang yang mungkin akan menjadi bankrupt, dan beliau menyatakan beliau ini ada kesulitan wang dan sebagai-nya. Jadi Tuan Yang di-Pertua, perbuatan² beliau boleh di-sifatkan sebagai sa-ekor ayam yang telah di-potong kepala-nya dan dengan itu hanya menunggu masa-nya untuk mati sahaja, sambil kaki² dan sayap-nya berkuchar kachir. Tuan Yang di-Pertua menyentoh terhadap dakwaan² yang telah di-sampaikan oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Ayer Itam jangan-lah di-kesalkan bahawa beliau dengan mudah sahaja menudoh Kerajaan gagal di-bahagian pelanchongan terutama sekali dalam usaha² mengorganisekan Pata Workshop di-Pulau Pinang dalam bulan Januari, 1972. Saya yakin bahawa beliau ada-lah sa-orang bekas Pengerusi, Tourist Promotion Board harus mengetahui bahawa usaha²-nya di-giatkan untuk memajukan pelanchongan, akan tetapi Tuan Yang di-Pertua, beliau tidak menjalankan tugas²-nya untuk melaksanakan ranchangan² ini semua beliau mempunyai kedudukan dan kebolehan untuk berbuat demikian. Dan sebalik-nya pula Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Kawasan Ayer Itam itu telah mengganggu Pertubuhan Pata Workshop 1972 di-Pulau Pinang apabila beliau membuat kechoh dan ingin melakukan pula salepas Kerajaan Negeri menghantar-nya ka-luar negeri untuk menghadiri dua Persidangan Pata di-luar negeri. Saya anggap ini ada-lah satu

perbuatan yang benar² khianat terhadap bukan sahaja kapada pihak Kerajaan bahkan kapada ra'ayat Negeri Pulau Pinang ini.

Tuan Yang di-Pertua, mengenai Ahli² Yang Berhormat dari Pihak Pembangkang saya telah melihat dan dengar jelas-nya bahawa mereka ini hanya berchakap di-atas perkara yang serupa sa-olah² mereka kekurangan modal. Saya tidak ingin membuang masa di-Dewan ini lagi dan ada satu pandangan yang saya ingin memberikan Tuan Yang di-Pertua, ia-itu, terhadap Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Kawasan Tanjong Bunga. Saperti biasa di-dalam perbahathan yang kosong itu dia telah membuat kenyataan² yang tidak bermakna di-dalam Dewan ini. Di-dalam fikiran saya, dia sa-olah² saperti peladang bawa ahli² daripada DAP dan merupakan mereka yang memperjuangkan kepentingan² penjaja² dan sebagai-nya.

Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Tanjong Bunga telah membuat sesuatu penjelasan yang tertentu mengenai tuduhan² di-atas masa'alah penjaja. Biar-lah saya jelaskan di-sini bahawa Kerajaan Negeri senantiasa menitek beratkan kepentingan golongan masharakat di-dalam Negeri ini dan telah membuat segala usaha untuk menolong penjaja² dan lain² ra'ayat yang miskin terutama sekali mereka² yang tinggal di-kawasan luar bandar. Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Tanjong Bunga, Tuan Yang di-Pertua telah juga menyatakan dan mendakwa bahawa Parti Gerakan telah mengkhianati ra'ayat dan saya menyangkal tuduhan² beliau itu. Kami tidak menjual kepentingan² ra'ayat di-Pulau Pinang saperti Parti DAP chuba menjualkan kepentingan masharakat melalui peratoran² Russia mereka dengan MCA dan yang telah melarat sebagai pemotongan kepala ayam. Saya perchaya tentu ada sedikit sebanyak (gangguan)

Ahli Kawasan Ayer Itam (Enche' Tan Phock Kin): On a point of order, Mr Speaker. I arise on a point of Order 46 (xi). I believe that there is no motion before this house for the closure of the debate. So in the absence of any

motion for closure of debate every Member of the House should be given an opportunity to debate whatever issue there is before the House. If Members of the Government are of the view that no more debate is necessary, the proper thing for them to do is to move a motion under 46 (xi) for the closure of the debate. It says here: "With the leave of the Speaker, any Member may, at any time during the course of a debate, move that the question be now put. No debate on this motion shall be allowed, and, if such motion be carried, the debate shall, subject to the right of reply provided for in paragraph (x) of this Standing Order cease and the question shall be put."

It appears to me that it is irregular for the mover of any motion to stand up and wind up the debate if there are other speakers who are prepared to speak, and I believe that this is the position and I think that we in this House must conduct, the affairs of this House strictly in accordance with the rules. We cannot run this House according to the rules of the jungle. Nobody is going to stop the Honourable Member from Butterworth from winding up at any time he likes, but if he is going to do so, somebody must move a motion to that effect before the Speaker can call upon him, and this motion shall be decided before anything else. It is provided in the rules. So, unless we believe that this is not the proper rule—that it is difficult to run the House on rules that are provided for in our Standing Orders—then it is for us to change the rules, but not to run the house in whatever way the Speaker deems fit.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli Yang Berhormat, saya perchaya Ahli Yang Berhormat juga berada di-sini bersama² kelmarin. Sampai dua, tiga kali saya panggil, siapa pun tidak mahu berchakap. Habis, semua orang berchakap tadi, dan salepas Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri berchakap saya tidak nampak sa-siapa lagi yang bangun chuma Yang Berhormat Ahli dari Kawasan Butterworth, itu sahaja yang

saya nampak. Fasal itu saya benarkan Ahli dari Kawasan Butterworth berchakap.

Ahli Kawasan Ayer Itam (Enche' Tan Phock Kin): That is quite beside the point, Mr Speaker, if I may clarify. Whether they wanted to speak or not, it was yesterday. Today, it is entirely different again. And it is not correct for the Honourable Speaker to say that because nobody wanted to speak yesterday he can take it for a fact that nobody wants to speak today. There are people who want to speak and it is because of this objection that they have to register their protest by walking out of this House.

Ketua Menteri: Mr Speaker, is the Member from Ayer Itam engaged in a debate of on a point of clarification?

Ahli Kawasan Ayer Itam (Enche' Tan Phock Kin): I am clarifying the point. This is a matter of utmost importance to the dignity of this House, to the decorum of this House, and to Parliamentary Democracy as such. I feel that we do not want (gangguan)

Ketua Menteri: Mr Speaker, the Honourable Member has stated what he said; I think the Speaker has meant what he said. I do not see how the debate (gangguan)

Ahli Kawasan Ayer Itam (Enche' Tan Phock Kin): Apparently what the Speaker said is based on a misapprehension of the rules and I am trying to assist the Speaker because the Speaker will be here for as long as possible, we hope, and to have this strained relationship is undesirable.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli Yang Berhormat, saya sudah berkata selepas Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri berchakap, saya nampak Ahli dari Kawasan Butterworth yang bangun dan dialah yang nampak di-mata saya. That is my ruling.

Ahli Kawasan Ayer Itam (Enche' Tan Phock Kin): That may be your ruling, your observation, but I implore you to look more carefully to people on both sides (gangguan)

Ahli Kawasan Butterworth (Enche' Ooi Ah Bee): Tuan Yang di-Pertua, itu-lah yang saya kata daripada mula tadi. Ahli² Pembangkang nampak-nya hendak berchakap untuk mendapat pablisiti sahaja, jadi yang saya katakan semalam bahawa Tuan Speaker sendiri beri kebenaran kepada mereka untuk berchakap mereka tidak hendak berchakap, tetapi salepas ucapan daripada Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri mereka berasa hendak berchakap pula (gangguan)

Ahli Kawasan Ayer Itam (Enche' Tan Phock Kin): Point of order. There is no prerogative that the Honourable the Chief Minister should speak now, and that nobody should speak after him. There is nothing in the Standing Orders.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Ayer Itam itu saya punya ruling.

Ahli Kawasan Butterworth (Enche' Ooi Ah Bee): Tuan Speaker, saya perchaya tentu ada sedikit sebanyak kebenaran di-dalam perkara ini dan sekiranya tidak tentu-lah cerita ini tidak menjadi buah mulut orang sechara terang. Oleh yang demikian dengan kegagalan DAP menentang Parti Perikatan mereka sekarang sangat-lah iri hati terhadap kejayaan Gerakan untuk membentok Kerajaan Champoran dengan Perikatan di-Negeri Pulau Pinang. Ini ada-lah saperti bunyi pepatah "Tidak pandai menari di-katakan lantai itu tidak sama rata". Jadi Tuan Speaker, mengenai Ahli² Yang Berhormat daripada Pihak Pembangkang saya telah lihat dan dengar dengan jelas-nya bahawa mereka itu hanya berchakap di-atas perkara yang serupa sa-olah² mereka kekurangan modal. Saya tidak ingin membuang masa di-dalam Dewan ini saperti yang mereka telah lak'ukan dengan menchuba membahath atau pun membuat tuduhan² yang tidak berasas itu. Ra'ayat Negeri ini sudah pun mengetahui perkara yang sabenar-nya dan mereka sendiri boleh mengetahui ia-itu sasiapa yang benar² jujor dan siapa yang chuba membangkitan perkara² yang tidak berasas dan tidak bertanggung-jawab.

Terima kaseh, Tuan Yang Di-Pertua.

Solalan di-kemukakan dan di-per-setujui.

Dewan di-tanggohkan pada jam 11.24 pagi.

Dewan bersidang sa-mula pada jam 2.30 petang.

UCHAPAN TUAN SPEAKER

Tuan Speaker: Dengan perasaan amat dukachita, saya merujuk kepada kelakuan sa-tengah² Ahli Pembangkang yang telah meluru keluar sebagai membantah keputusan saya, khususnya kepada ugutan salah sa-orang Ahli Yang Berhotmat itu hendak mengemukakan suatu usul tidak yakin terhadap diri saya. Saya ingin memberi amaran kepada semua Ahli² Yang Berhormat yang berkenaan bahawa saya tidak akan sabar lagi terhadap sebarang perbuatan tidak senonoh seperti-ini atau pun terhadap sa-sa-orang Ahli yang tidak mengendahkan keputusan saya semasa Dewan ini sedang bersidang. Saya ingin mengambil kesempatan ini untuk memberitahu Dewan ini bahawa, jika perlu, saya tidak akan berkeberatan menjalankan kuasa² yang di-beri kepada saya di-bawah Peratoran Meshuarat 51 sekiranya saya terpaksa membuat demikian demi menjaminakan urusan Dewan ini di-kendalikan sechara yang terator, sempurna dan dengan tidak membuang masa serta demi menjaga disiplin dan kesopanan Dewan ini. Oleh itu, saya merayu kepada semua Ahli² Yang Berhormat supaya bekerjasama dan menjalankan urusan² Dewan ini mengikut peratoran yang sesuai dengan taraf wakil² ra'ayat yang di-pileh.

Honourable Members, it is with regret that I have to refer to the conduct demonstrated by some of the Opposition Members who staged a walk-out in protest of my ruling and in particular to the utterance of one of the Honourable Members concerned threatening to move a motion of non-confidence against me. I would like to warn, all the Honourable Members concerned that I shall not tolerate any more disorderly conduct and also any Member disregarding my ruling on any

matter during the sitting of this House. I would like to take this opportunity to inform the House that I shall not, hesitate if necessary to exercise my powers under Standing Order 51 if occasion compels me to do so to ensure that the business of this House can be properly, orderly and swiftly conducted and the discipline and the decorum of the House upheld. I, therefore, appeal to all the Honourable Members to co-operate and conduct the affairs of this House in the manner befitting the status of elected representatives of the people.

6. RANG UNDANG²

(1). Rang Undang² (Penchen dan Ganjaran) Anggota Pentadbiran dan Ahli Dewan Negeri, 1972.

Bachaaan Yang Pertama

Ketua Menteri: Tuan Yang Di-Pertua, saya mohon menchadangkan supaya Rang Undang² bernama "Suatu Enakmen bagi membuat peruntokan berkenaan penchen dan ganjaran bagi Anggota Pentadbiran dan Ahli Dewan Negeri" di-bachakan bagi kali yang pertama.

Ahli Kawasan Kepala Batas (Tuan Haji Ahmad bin Haji Abdullah): Tuan Yang Di-Pertua, saya menyokong.

Rang Undang² di-bachakan bagi kali yang pertama.

Tuan Speaker: Bachaaan kali yang kedua hari apa?

Ketua Menteri: Tuan Yang Di-Pertua, sekarang juga.

Tuan Speaker: Baik-lah.

Bachaaan Yang Kedua

Ketua Menteri: Tuan Yang Di-Pertua, saya mohon menchadangkan supaya Rang Undang² yang di-namakan "Suatu Enakmen bagi membuat peruntokan berkenaan penchen dan ganjaran bagi Anggota Pentadbiran dan Ahli Dewan Negeri" di-bachakan bagi kali yang kedua.

Tuan Speaker, sapertimana yang diterangkan di-dalam Huraian di-hujung Rang Undang² ini, tujuan Rang

Undang² ini ia-lah untuk mengadakan suatu Sekim Ganjaran dan Penchen Bersama bagi Ketua Menteri, Ahli Majlis Meshuarat Kerajaan dan Ahli Dewan Negeri.

Dasar² bagi mengadakan suatu sekim penchen dan ganjaran bagi Anggota² Kerajaan yang di-pileh dan Ahli² Parliimen dan Ahli² Dewan Negeri, telah pun di-terima oleh Kerajaan Pusat serta Kerajaan Negeri yang lain di-Malaysia. Parliimen telah meluluskan suatu Akta yang dinamakan Akta (Penchen dan Ganjaran) Anggota Pentadbiran dan Ahli Parliimen dan beberapa Dewan Negeri yang lain telah juga meluluskan Enakmen² yang sa-rupa pada tahun lepas.

Demi kepentingan persamaan, Kerajaan Negeri berpendapat bahawa Negeri Pulau Pinang patut juga mengadakan suatu Enakmen yang sa-rupa bagi menjamin keselamatan ahli² Dewan Negeri dan keluarga mereka sambil menarek perhatian bakat² yang terbaik di-Negeri ini supaya menyertai kegiatan² politik agar mereka boleh memberi perkhidmatan kepada ra'ayat jelata tanpa kekhuatiran atau kelebih-an.

Tuan Yang Di-Pertua, saya memohon menchadangkan.

Ahli Kawasan Kepala Batas (Tuan Haji Ahmad bin Haji Abdullah): Tuan Yang Di-Pertua, saya sokong.

Tuan Speaker: Dewan di-buka untuk di-bahas.

Ahli Kawasan Tasek Glugor (Enche' Mustapha bin Hussain): Dato' Yang Di-Pertua, saya pun hajat berucap sedikit sa-banyak dalam perbahasan Rang Undang² ini. Saya bersetuju atas tujuan² tetapi tujuan yang sa-benarnya saya fikir memberi incentive kepada bakat² dan orang² yang ada pengalaman, yang ada calibre dan orang² yang ada pengetahuan supaya mereka memperjuangkan dalam bidang politik dengan sa-sungguh-nya bukan untuk kepentingan diri sendiri. Oleh itu, Dato' Yang Di-Pertua, saya menyokong Rang Undang² dan saya minta izin daripada Dato' Yang Di-Pertua saya hendak berchapak dalam bahasa

Inggeris sa-ayat dua sahaja untuk fahaman sa-tengah² Ahli. Terima kaseh.

Mr Speaker, Sir, no doubt I do not like to speak in the English Language in this Dewan; but I think it is appropriate at this moment for me to mention the real objective of this Bill. The real objective, Mr Speaker, is that at the moment, or for the last 3 years, we have people who have no calibre; people who have no knowledge at all about what is politics taking part and becoming Assemblymen and Members of Parliament. And therefore we have many sorts of spectacles which, in the words of the Chief Minister this morning are despicable. I entirely agree because I know the people of Penang particularly are fed up with some politicians. I don't mean politicians from my right or my left, but some politicians whom I do not like to name. In fact this incentive that is given will influence many people, professional and otherwise, who are really dedicated to the service of the people to come forward and take part in politics. Otherwise, Mr Speaker, you will be getting the riff-raff and the scum of society becoming Assemblymen and Members of Parliament. And because of that I support this Bill.

Ahli Kawasan Tanjong Bungah (Enche' Khoo Soo Giap): Tuan Speaker, dengan izin hendak berchapak dalam Bahasa Inggeris.

Sir, this Bill which seeks to provide the Honourable the Chief Minister, Executive Council Members and Members of the Legislative Assembly is likened to a Bill seeking the right to unscrupulously rob the people of Penang of their last copper coin. This Bill which is moved by the Government benchers is tantamount to a slap on the faces of the people who put the Gerakan Party into power.

It is a shame, Sir, right at this moment in the face of economic decline in the State of Penang, to move this Bill to provide such payments to Members of this House. What the Members of this House should be more interested in today is to provide the

people with sufficient food. The people's interest first should be taken into consideration and not our personal interest in this House.

I say that a Bill of this nature is most untimely—most untimely because of the serious and precarious economic position of the State of Penang today. What this House should be interested in is to embark urgent and concrete policies to build Penang up, economically speaking; to build Penang up to such a position that economically it is more stable so that we can ensure the people of Penang their daily bread and butter. That is what should be uppermost in the minds of all the Members of this House.

Are we here elected to this House to look after our personal interests or to look after the interests of the people of Penang? The people of Penang voted us into this House, Sir, with the express purpose of working for them. That is the idea. That is the main purpose, but certainly, Sir, not to come into this House today and abuse the power that lies in our hands and try to fraudulently rob the people of whatever money is entrusted in the hands of the powers the Government has. Sadly enough that this Bill has not been mentioned in the Manifesto of the Gerakan Party in the last general election. Yet today, Sir, we find in this House that this Bill tops the priority list.

This Bill which is moved today, as I said earlier, is most untimely, taking into consideration the serious and precarious economic position that Penang is in and seeing that there are no concrete measures initiated by the State Government to rescue Penang from the possibility of a total economic collapse. We should have more sincerity towards building a more economically stable Penang.

In the face of an economic crisis in the State of Penang, I would call on every Member in this House to search his conscience thoroughly before voting for himself a pension and gratuity. Let us, Sir, not at this stage, at this juncture in the face of economic crisis in the State of Penang, try to squeeze blood out of stone.

True, there is nothing the people in the State of Penang can do if we force this Bill through, if we vote for ourselves this pension and this gratuity; but, I would like to remind Honourable Members of this House that the protest of the people will be heard. The protest of the people will be heard in the next general elections and whichever Member of this House is guilty of voting for himself this pension and this gratuity, judgment will be made against him in the next general elections. He will have to answer to the people of the State of Penang, as I said earlier, for fraudulently squeezing the last copper coin out of them. I must warn this House that any act or any attempt to bulldoze this Bill through will constitute an act of fraud. It is hoped that those who are entrusted with power will not abuse it and the money that is entrusted to them will not be squandered through Legislation of this nature.

And I would like to suggest that before proposing and passing a Bill of this nature, the plight of those who are receiving salaries below the minimum wage, the plight of those who are jobless, the plight of those who are threatened by the possibility of retrenchment in the commercial sector, should be deliberated by us in this House. We should not try to force this Bill through to benefit ourselves.

Sir, I say that this Bill is most unfair to the people of the State of Penang, most unfair, Sir, because we come into this House, we get ourselves elected to be Members of this House with the understanding that we are here to serve. It is a voluntary service. We get ourselves elected voluntarily by the people of Penang by telling them that we will work for them. But even though this service is voluntary, we have already been adequately compensated by the monthly allowance that we receive and this allowance has recently been increased from \$500/- to \$750/-. And is it not enough? Should we dig deeper into the torn pockets of the people of Penang? I say 'torn pockets of the people of Penang' because, as I mentioned earlier, we have the plight of those

who are in difficulty today because of the serious economic decline and because of the serious unemployment situation that we in the State of Penang face today to consider. This is because the State Government which has promised so many jobs to the people of Penang is today unable to produce such jobs, and that is why I say thorn pockets of the people of Penang.

We come here with the sincere intention to assist the people, to work for the people, with sincere intention, Sir. But if we allow this Bill to go through in this House today we are destroying every sincere intention that we have to come to this House to work for the people. We will only be demonstrating to the people, to the public at large in the State of Penang, that we are only here to reap whatever harvest there may be in this House.

It may be said that this Bill in seeking the provision for pensions and gratuities for Members of this Assembly, is to attract more capable people in the State of Penang to be Members of this House. But I say this, that the value of this pension and the value of the gratuity that will be paid out if this Bill is passed is insufficient to attract capable people, people perhaps who are professional people. The value is too small to attract them to become Members of this House. But, perhaps Sir, the value will be big enough to attract opportunists to this House to become Members—not big enough to attract professional people but big enough to attract opportunists who come here to this House today, get themselves elected and find ways and means to reap whatever harvest this House may have. This is why I say that the Bill with the pension and gratuity is too small to attract professional people. And whatever ideas this House may have with this pension and gratuity like to attract professional people, like perhaps what the Honourable Member for Tasek Glugor suggested earlier, I say this is not true. This cannot be true because of the value the amount is calculated on. Of course, it will attract and benefit opportunists or Members who are job-

less, who haven't got jobs of their own but who come here and become Members of this House as a way of getting their daily bread and butter—and perhaps this reference may be made to the majority of the Members sitting on the opposite side.

Ahli Kawasan Tanjong Barat (Enche' Teh Ewe Lim): You are wrong.

Ahli Kawasan Tanjong Bungah (Enche' Khoo Soo Giap): If I am wrong, the only best way is to vote against this Bill and prove that you have got the sincerity to come to this House to work for the people and not to work to fatten your own pockets.

I call on all Members of this House to regard the recent increase in their monthly allowance as sufficient compensation for whatever services they have provided for the people of the State of Penang and for the State of Penang. And I would say this, that we must maintain, as Members of this house, our self-respect, our dignity and our pride by setting aside this Bill to perhaps a further date when the economic position of the State of Penang is more stable than it is today, until such time when the Government in power can prove to the people of the State of Penang that the economic position of the State of Penang is stable enough. To whichever Member who votes for this Bill, I would say that he is voting to strip himself of his self-respect, his pride and his dignity and, what is worse, voting against the very wishes of the people of the State of Penang.

Thank you.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Bakap (Enche' V. Veerappen): Dato' Yang di-Pertua, saya suka mengambil bahagian sedikit atas Rang Undang² yang di-kemukakan oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri dan di-sini saya minta izin berchakap dalam Bahasa Inggeris.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, although this Bill before us may be desirable, I do not think there is such urgent necessity for it to be brought at this stage of the life of the Government. I am sure the Government has many, many, happy years in this House and will be

a stable Government no doubt, and, as such, there is no urgent necessity unless Government itself is not sure of its life.

I say it is undesirable principally because, Mr Speaker Sir, I think at one time members of the public were expected to serve, give their time, labour to the affairs of State, but this had the weakness in that certain important people, representatives of the poor, would not have opportunity to serve voluntarily in such organisations or in any such bodies like the Legislative Assembly or Parliament and therefore these principles of remunerating or covering loss of expenses of the Members concerned was thought of and implemented. Further, Mr Speaker, this Bill before us not only provides for pensions and gratuities for Members of the present House, but also it has retrospective effect for people who are no more Members of this House.

Mr Speaker, Sir, the Chief Minister in introducing this Bill told us that Parliament has adopted this Bill and passed it. It is now law, which is right, and many other States have done the same. Mr Speaker, Sir, I think we must realise this fact that the resources of the State of Penang cannot be compared with the resources of parliament or the Federal Government. The Federal Government has unlimited resources; it has got unlimited sources of getting new revenue, I think. We in the State of Penang are limited by the Constitution to the sources of revenue that we can get. Already we are squeezing out quite a lot on land rents and giving back little to the land owners or the people of the land.

But, on the other hand, Mr Speaker, if we compare the increases that have been given by Parliament in the last few years since Merdeka with the amount of increases that have been given to the State Assemblymen, you will agree, and I am sure the people here would agree, that the increases are not comparable. In fact, the increases have been almost double. Everytime there is a slight increase in Parliament Members' remuneration,

there is a double increase. And we heard the Attorney General telling in the Senate that when Members asked for more daily allowances to think of the thousands and millions of people who can't even get a few dollars a day to feed themselves. Mr Speaker, Sir, you might remember that at one time when the Parliament Members' allowance was increased to \$750/-, the State Assemblymen's allowance was increased to \$500/-; then when it was increased to \$1,000/- recently, State Assemblymen's allowance was increased to \$750/-. So that you will see, Mr Speaker Sir, in the first instance from \$250/- to \$500/-; where the Parliament increase was \$500/- to \$750/- it was a 50 percent increase; where State Assemblymen's allowance was increased from \$250/- to \$500/- that was a 100 percent increase.

Mr Speaker, Sir, I do not think anywhere in the world, any workers in the country, any of our employees of the Government or any Civil servants, has ever got a 100 percent increase at any time. Again when the allowance was increased, Parliament Member's allowance was increased from \$750/- to \$1,000/-, the State Assemblymen's allowance was increased from \$500/- to \$750/-. Whereas Parliament increase was about 30 per cent, the State one was about 50 percent.

Mr Speaker, Sir, I said that there was no urgency for the matter at this time, although I agree with the Chief Minister that my vocabulary is limited, you know. This phoebia with industry has no doubt come off at least in Bayan Lepas. But when we come to the State Development Corporation (Amendment) Bill we will have a lot to say on that. And perhaps on the Supplementary Supply Bill we have something to say on that. But you would know, Mr Speaker, Sir, from the Chief Minister's own answers which are facts, that not a single tap had been supplied, in the years that the Government has been in power, in any of the new villages in Province Wellesley South. Not a single inch of road—that is the answer he has given. Not a single inch of road has been built. Not a single inch of drain

has been built. Yes, Mr Speaker, I must correct myself. There was a 20-foot road and culvert that was built in Jawi Village, if the Chief Minister would care to clarify for the Member for Nibong Tebal who represents Jawi Village. He would say that was because it was washed out. The P.W.D. never put it, because it was washed out. The drain disappeared, and they have to rebuild it. And that is counted as building. In the fragmented estates and elsewhere even the scavenging is not maintained because the area is said to be not gazetted. Yet the Council collected assessment. And, if they are not who is going to be responsible for the health in this area? Therefore since the Government has no money to give water to people to drink, should we now ensure and safeguard our future at this stage of the life of the Government: ensure our future security and that of our family when we cannot give water to people whose need is very essential, as all of us will agree? Therefore, Mr Speaker, we as Assemblymen have been asked to consider this.

As Assemblymen we have been in this House for almost exactly 2 years. But Mr Speaker, Sir, we take this practice in this House! I hope you do not rule me out of order now because this concerns the Assembly directly. We do not have regular hours. We have not been able to fix regular hours to conduct our own affairs. It is left to the whims and fancies of the Government who, Mr Speaker, with humble respect and regard for you, I said are using you as a tool to manipulate this House.

Tuan Speaker: saya harap Ahli Yang Berhormat tarek balek chakapan itu. Saya tidak benarkan.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Bakap (Enche' V. Veerappen): O.K., Mr Speaker, I withdraw that. If you are not used I am very glad. I am very glad that you are aware that you are not used. I am very glad, and I withdraw that statement.

Tuan Speaker: Terima kasih.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Bakap (Enche' V. Veerappen): We should have fixed hours so that all of us can know and can make our programme. Either we meet from 9.30 to 1.00 and break off, from 2.30 to 5.30 or 4.30 and break off, or from 2.30 to 6.30. His Excellency the Governor says the House shall meet at 9.30 on such and such a date. Then we go on without break. We break only to go to the toilet, or for eating. And we go on the whole night through for four nights and four days. We can do that also. After all it seems one fellow sat in the shower for seven days and one hour. So we can sit here. (*Ketawa*) It is not a shower; not so cold. It is very nice. We can sit.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): Shower?

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Bakap (Enche' V. Veerappen): Yes, shower, Speaker gets cold feet, or, something like that. (*Ketawa*). And we should only depart from these times, Sir, if there are exceptional circumstances. And that too is normally with the consent and approval of the House, which is normally granted because the Government normally has a majority. And therefore we should have regular hours, at least for the convenience of others, if not for ourselves. After all we are going to be paid. We are going to get pensions. We should be able to work at the whims and calls of the Chief Minister. But there are other persons. Perhaps the members of the public also will be interested; and perhaps may be a bit happier, although the Chief Minister is not so happy with the Press.

And the other thing is, Mr Speaker, that I was really feeling very, very sorry for our Chief Minister, you know, actually having to stand up and to answer for 3½ hours. It is ridiculous. I do not know where this practice occurred. And if the Chief Minister must answer questions for 3½ hours it concerns our Assembly. So the Bill is about the Assembly.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): You can speak for three hours too.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Bakap (Enche' V. Veerappen): If it is necessary, and if the subject matter is such then I think I can stand up to that.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): It is I think necessary for the Chief Minister to answer for more than three hours.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Bakap (Enche' V. Veerappen): Well, you will have your chance to speak later on. It is just only that the Speaker has orders for decorum and all that to preserve the dignity. Well, I welcome that. I thought so. It was a pity to me anyway.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): Thank you.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Bakap (Enche' V. Veerappen): But you may think your Chief Minister is all powerful. That is the trouble with you. I have just listened to a radio talk on democracy. It is the group that makes the individual.

Ahli Kawasan Butterworth (Enche' Ooi Ah Bee): May I rise on a point of Order—46 (vi). Tuan Speaker, saya ingat Ahli Yang Berhormat daripada Sungei Bakap terkeluar banyak daripada Bill kita.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Bakap (Enche' V. Veerappen): Dato' Speaker, I do not know who is the Speaker—whether you are the Speaker, or that gentleman there is the Speaker. You see, you asked us to accept your ruling. Here is a gentleman who is telling me the law—whether I am on the subject or out of the subject. (*Ketawa*).

Ahli Kawasan Butterworth (Enche' Ooi Ah Bee): I think you are out.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Bakap (Enche' V. Veerappen): I think I am on the subject.

Ahli Kawasan Butterworth (Enche' Ooi Ah Bee): That is what you think.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Bakap (Enche' V. Veerappen): Well, the Speaker has not made a ruling. What you want me to do? Quarrel with you? (*Ketawa*).

Tuan Speaker: Saya tidak benarkan.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Bakap (Enche' V. Veerappen): Tidak benar, Tuan? Somehow or other when the Chief Minister is touched everybody gets pricked. Well, Mr. Speaker, that is what I intended to say. But before I conclude I hope that these privileges and pensions that we are going to get do not create a class of politicians who will become professional politicians. Once we have these professional politicians they forget their principles; and think of only one thing—the allowance. So that danger must not be brought in—I hope. And with that I thank you, Mr Speaker. Terima kaseh banyak.

Ahli Kawasan Ayer Itam (Enche' Tan Phock Kin): Tuan Speaker, saya minta izin berchakap dalam Bahasa Inggeris. We have heard the Honourable the Chief Minister and others speaking on this particular Bill. And I do like to confine myself to mainly two very important points. And the two points concern not merely the policy of the State Government or the policy of the Federal Government which this State Government is always trying its best to perhaps sometimes to acquiesce to, or sometimes to follow very blindly. And the first is on this question of priorities which the Honourable the Chief Minister so often talks about. When we asked why is it that certain services are not being provided, why is the Library Bill delayed for so long, why are the other facilities not given to the people of Penang—services in various forms which necessarily incur money—what we were told is that it is a question of priorities; first things first. And the State should concentrate itself, in its first few years, on matters that are productive as far as the State is concerned—matters that will bring additional resources to the State. The question of services to the people will have to wait because they are unproductive. If you provide a library, though it is productive in the sense that the people of Penang will become more intelligent, the students will have more opportunities to learn. To the Honourable

the Chief Minister this is not so important. We must concentrate on industrialisation. We must increase the resources of the State. Even in the introduction by the Honourable the Chief Minister, with regard to legislation, we were told that all this legislation is of such a great importance—significant Bills. 'We will introduce legislation to give greater vigour and durability to the programme'.

Tuan Speaker: Saya minta tolong Ahli Yang Berhormat bila berchakap pandang sa-belah sini. Pandang dekat saya.

Ahli Kawasan Ayer Itam (Enche' Tan Phock Kin): Sir, I am reading the document on this side (*gangguan*)

Tuan Speaker: Ya. Saya tahu. Saya faham.

Ahli Kawasan Ayer Itam (Enche' Tan Phock Kin): and I have no alternative but to turn to this side.

Tuan Speaker: Pandang sa-belah saya.

Ahli Kawasan Ayer Itam (Enche' Tan Phock Kin): On this question, may I ask what durability will this particular Bill give to the economy of the State? The only durability it will give will be to the Assemblymen here today; and, in particular, to Members of the Executive Council and the Chief Minister. What I am saying is that this runs contrary to the declared policy of the Government. All along I have been saying that the Government is preaching one thing but doing something else. And this is a very glaring example of abuse of power; of attempts to hoodwink the people by telling the people one thing and doing exactly the opposite. I am saying quite categorically that this is not a productive Bill. It gives no benefit whatsoever to the State of Penang. And I think my honourable friend from Sungei Bakap is quite correct in saying that the time is inopportune. I agree entirely with the question of pensions. If Government servants should get pensions, why should not Assemblymen? This is the argument of the Government. I am not arguing against the principle

of pensions. What I am saying is that the Government should not vote itself for pensions so early in its life. I mean that if it is a question of priority this will come, in my opinion, very low down in the priority list. It should not come now. It may be quite appropriate to have it two, three or four years from now; or before the Government actually comes to the end of its life. That will be more appropriate. It won't make the slightest difference to the benefit to which every one of the Members of the Assembly will get. Because after all they will not have the opportunity of claiming until they resign from this Chamber, unless we say that this is to be for the benefit of the Honourable Member for Bagan Ajam who may have to leave the House very soon, so that he obtains the benefit of this particular legislation. So much for the question of priorities. I think it is very clear that as far as priority is concerned this should go very low down in the list.

And secondly, it is on this question again of Government's policy of remedying the imbalances between the rich and the poor. Are the Assemblymen in the category of the underprivileged? I would agree if it is a flat pension rate, to give a living allowance to every Assemblyman when he retires, because we don't want to see our Assemblymen begging in the streets. If they are given enough to live a comfortable life, a few hundred dollars, nobody will complain. I think the people of Penang will support it. After serving the people in the Assembly they should be entitled to a modest allowance. But unfortunately, as far as the Bill goes, this is not the case. The allowance of the Chief Minister shall be a minimum of \$1,000—which can be more. Similarly, Executive Council Members will get more. And others who are in Parliament, will be entitled to additional allowance. Apart from the pension they will be getting an *ex-gratia* payment which may amount to \$15,000-\$20,000. And this will only aggravate the situation of the wealth between the various groups in our society. What will the people in the kampong say? What will Hassan in

Kampong Makam say about this? And what will Ah Kow in Val Do'r Estate say? There they are earning a meagre living while here we vote ourselves large pension.

And here again we have another glaring anomaly. Section 3 makes no provision with regard to Assemblymen who retire and still make a very good living. There is no curtailment of their pension. Whereas as far as Government servants are concerned I believe that once they have resigned from Government service and they were to have alternative employment elsewhere it will effect their pension. They will not receive so much. Why then should Assemblymen be different from Government servants? There are various other details which, I think, require looking into. And they are very important details. If we come up with legislation of this kind, how can we say with any conviction, with any sincerity, to the people of Penang or the people of the Federation as a whole that we are doing something to adjust the imbalances? And this is what the Government is saying. This is one of its policies to adjust the economic imbalances within the State. And as far as this legislation is concerned it fails to do that. In fact it aggravates the whole position. So, in my view, Mr Speaker, Sir, I feel that all these matters require the attention of the Government and as I say this Bill is of no urgency whatsoever and in that respect I would like to move an amendment to the proposal of the Honourable the Chief Minister by adding the words after the words "be read a second time" the words "3 years hence". I think 3 years is an appropriate period because by that time, even considering priority and assuming that the Government will be successful in its efforts, I think most of the productive projects will be bearing fruits and by that time the Government will be in a position if the projects which are financed by quit rent money bear fruits, to see fit to reduce quit rent to some extent. The time then will be opportune for an additional provision for pension on a minimum scale, on a uniform minimum scale to all Members of the Assembly.

In that respect I think everybody in this House will be quite happy. Such a Bill will conform with the question of priority and the economic realities in this State. It will help to remedy the imbalances that exist between the economic classes. So I therefore urge that not only Members on this side of the House but Members of the Government Bench will support me in this amendment. As far as the benefits to the other Members are concerned it makes no difference, you are still Members. The question of allowance will not come in until your term expires and so long as this particular legislation is passed before then, I see no reason why anybody at all should quarrel with it. This is a genuine attempt to set right legislation which apparently contradicts all concepts of justice and the policy as set out in the Rukunegara.

Tuan Speaker: Masa'alah yang kita hadapi ialah Rang Undang² (Penchen dan Ganjaran) Anggota Pentadbiran dan Ahli Dewan Negeri, 1972 bacaan kali yang kedua di-tangguh sa-hingga 3 tahun. Ahli² yang bersetuju katakan 'ya'.

Ahli Kawasan Ayer Itam (Enche' Tan Phock Kin): Ya.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Tuan Speaker, we have not been given a chance to debate on the amendment. The amendment has not been put to the House for debate. How can we just take a vote on it? I hope that we have not gone to that stage. I know what happened this morning must have shocked the country but this will shock the nation.

Tuan Speaker: Saya harap Ahli Yang Berhormat jangan-lah sebut perkara pagi tadi. Saya tidak benarkan. Baik-lah perkara ini akan di-bahas.

Ketua Menteri: Tuan Yang di-Per-tua, saya minta izin berchakap dalam bahasa Inggeris sebab usul pindaan yang di-bangkitkan di-dalam bahasa Inggeris.

What we are witnessing in this House today is the delaying tactics which the Honourable Members of the

Opposition are resorting to being now deprived of further last strength of arguments. We witness a situation where the Honourable Member from Sungei Bakap talks about possible merits and de-merits and talks about the lack of urgency. Now we on this side of the House can deal with the motion and on the Bill in any way that the Honourable Members of the opposite side choose to follow on Standing Orders and not to waste the time of the House. What in actual fact has happened is the Honourable Member from Ayer Itam has, to some extent, put me in a position where I summed up before on my original motion, rather than wait for the appropriate time. The purpose of this Bill is clearly understood and I am glad that the Honourable Member from Tasek Glugor clearly indicated his support of the Bill and understood the purport of this Bill. It is true that this is a change in concept of the kind of service which Assemblymen and politicians in this country will have to adopt but I certainly sincerely hope that they don't adopt the attitude towards professionals, being a professional politician, in a manner whereby the Honourable Member of Sungei Bakap derogates it that they only think in terms of the emoluments. It is I think fair game in the Assembly for Members of the Opposition, for the Honourable Member of Tanjong Bungah to belittle everyone as being opportunistic, whereas he himself is the only righteous, self-respecting, proud, dignified member. Everybody else falls under this satanic attitude towards everybody else. But the objective of the Bill is clear and that is in the circumstances prevailing in the country, now, we do require people of dedication, of ability to come out and take part in the political affairs of the country. Men must make up their minds that they have to contribute to the country in what has now steadily become a more and more important part of our way of life, in the political arena of life. It is considered that the Bill does not fully meet the full professional requirements which the Honourable Member from Tanjong

Bungah has stated, the value is too small, the compensation in terms of dollars and cents is too little to bring in the top professional who is already doing well in his own field of endeavour, into politics. It is also true that this Bill departs from the concept that the political life is one of pure voluntary service. I was myself, personally brought up, educated on the basis that people who enter public life do so in the good old days of the colonial rule, in a voluntary basis. Everyone is given his status, however, by being chosen, given awards and so on. But in the last 20 years and particularly more so in the accelerating change since 1969, it has become clear just as the colonial system is already a thing of the past, similarly this idea of pure voluntary service in political involvement is also a thing in the past. Although the Honourable Members from Ayer Itam and Sungei Bakap admit the validity of the argument they are challenging it that it is not urgent, it is not timely, it is not appropriate at this particular moment and there is some obvious seductive proposal in this because the concern has been to allege the Honourable Members from this side of the House are only interested in the opportunistic value of this Bill whereas in actual fact the passage of this Bill today does not necessarily mean that the gratuities or the pensions will be paid off immediately unless something drastic happens.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Loss of office.

Ketua Menteri: Then I certainly hope members of this House wouldn't wish

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Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Collapse of Government.

Ketua Menteri: You can see the trend of trying to interrupt people's thinking but they wouldn't wish ill of any other member of this House. We wish all of you long life, even wish you office and certainly I don't think that there is very much love lost between the Honourable Members of the Opposition and the Chief Minister and the post of the Chief Minister and talking

on as I have said when they have no other points to raise. Once this Bill is passed, what it means is that young men and indeed women should now know what is the scope of the provision of entering into a political life, should appreciate the assurances provided for by this Bill will give them greater security if they decide early on in their lives to dedicate themselves to political activity, to strive for the people, interests of the people through political involvement. They have to make up their decisions. And once this Bill is passed, it will help them to make this decision much earlier. Hence there is really no merit in the amendment to my Bill which is trying to use only a trick of debate in this House to delay the passage of this Bill somewhat because the real argument is whether there is any necessity for us to pass the Bill now or to pass the Bill three years later. Now all those of us who have gone through the process of election really understand that it takes several years for people to make up their minds to participate in the elective field and it takes several years of careful training and careful involvement in political life before the person can get himself, put himself in a position where he even has a chance to be considered for election. Under the circumstances what the Honourable Members of Ayer Itam and Sungei Bakap are saying in actual fact is: Please let's postpone this Bill until three years from now. Let's say 1975 which is before our tenure of office is over, after just before we are no longer Assemblymen, before other people can make up their minds and then we have a chance, a better chance to come and stand. So in actual fact by moving this amendment, they show themselves to be also self-interested because they are interested in their own seats. So other people cannot make up their minds. Let's wait for three years.

Ahli Kawasan Ayer Itam (Enche' Tan Phock Kin): Tell us about your priorities. We are more interested.

Ketua Menteri: Sir, the Honourable Member has a chance to reply. He has put up a very seductive, beguiling kind

of motion but I can assure you that we are not to be seduced or beguiled by the Honourable Member from Ayer Itam because without hesitation I think we on this side of the House will reject the proposed amendment.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Mr Speaker, Sir, saya minta kebenaran berchakap dalam Bahasa Inggeris.

I rise to support this amendment to the Chief Minister's motion because I feel that inspite of the limitation of the amendment, if the Chief Minister and his gang of political pirates really are sincere and that this vagabond pack or rascals are convinced that they will remain in this House at the rate they are going, then they should have no hesitation, Sir, to accept this. And I would call it a time fuse that has been placed on this motion of his because then in any event they will be free to reap the harvest. They will be able to qualify for these pensions and these gratuities, I always felt that gratuity is something that is given to somebody as a sign of appreciation but I wonder who is extending that sense of appreciation? The people appreciate what you have done or you are appreciating yourself? Are the people showing the gratitude to you, or are you showing the gratitude to yourself? Harsh words have been used—that this is robbing the finances of this State. And I think those harsh words may be appropriate in this case. I see no reason why Members of the Government who claim that they are entitled to these gratuities and pensions cannot stand up on their own two feet, if they have, or probably they have four and state a case. The Honourable the Chief Minister is unable to convince us in this House and this is why he “does not want to take up the time of the House”. When he does not have reasons he says he does not want to take up the time of the House. He is so conscious of our well being but we have seen how conscious he was in the last sitting when he dragged us up to two o'clock in the morning. I for one do not mind but there are civil servants who have to sit here up to two o'clock in the morning

and they, Sir, are not getting any pension or gratuity under this Bill. Perhaps the Chief Minister may well move an amendment to this Bill, and pay them something for this call above duty because it is insincere and the people can see through it, so insincere! Just as it was insincere this morning when we heard from the Chief Minister his great dedication to the principles of democracy and his great desire to uphold democratic practice and parliamentary democracy. It is so obvious because he is even now trying to shut our mouths and of course he is quite astute in this. Well, if ever in this House we can define anybody as a professional politician, he is sitting right in front of me. He is a professional politician but I, of course, am not very sure about the other description given to the professional politician by my friend from Sungei Bakap. It might apply, it might not apply. I think that is left for the country to judge. Judging from the events of the last few days I think the people can judge that politics, as the Honourable the Chief Minister says, "can be dirty" provided you join the wrong party. Then you have to sign letters in advance to resign and so on and so forth. But here, Sir, we are voting ourselves money and this involves the whole question of the Assembly. I don't think anybody will object, that this involves the whole question of the functions of an Assemblyman. In this debate I think the public would like to know: Do Assemblymen of this State deserve increments? We have voted ourselves increments in the last sitting. Do they deserve it? The Honourable the Chief Minister has called somebody in this House a political rat while I understand from the newspapers that there is another political rat over there. I hope what the Honourable the Chief Minister said is not true anyway but this, Sir, is the type of things that we have in this Assembly. Members who may or may not really deserve their pensions or gratuities but who are going to get it anyhow. And I think that this amendment to the motion is quite right and appropriate under the circumstances and unless the Honour-

able Members from the other side are able to stand up and convince this House and the people, mind you, that they deserve, that they are people who are entitled to gratuities and pensions. Perhaps I might agree that the Honourable the Chief Minister as a professional politician is entitled in view of his "long services" to this State. It may be two years' service but "long" nevertheless to be entitled to gratuity and pension but what about the others. How many shall I call them now? It was 17 when we started this session. It is 15 now I think. The other 15, what shall we call them? Why don't they stand up and speak? Answer? Don't just vote.

You were elected by the people to debate on their behalf, to express their views. If you claim that you represent the Constituencies which support this Bill, stand up and speak. But all along what we have only had from the Government benchers, front and back, is a lot of low whispers, chuckling, and very stupid remarks. They haven't had the guts and courage to stand up here and make a stand, basically because they know that this Bill is unacceptable with the public. They know that, and more so by yesterday's conduct, and even more so by today's conduct. Never in the history of politics in Malaysia has anything like this happened.

The Honourable the Chief Minister of course, obviously—although he says and he claims on election platforms that people like Tun Tan Siew Sin hide under the sarong of Tun Abdul Razak, Tunku Abdul Rahman—has been looking for sarongs to hide under. I would "admire" the Honourable the Chief Minister more if he were frank and honest and said—and I like him when he was frank and honest in those days—"naked power of the Government". "We will demonstrate our naked power". Fair enough, then we appreciate "naked power". And as he said this morning, "the law of the jungle will prevail", fair enough. We can give as good as we get, Sir. So I for one appreciate and would like to believe that the Chair, the Speaker, is very independent and makes decisions

of his own. I hope so. And I hope the Chief Minister, whenever he expresses his surprise when one thing happens after another in this House, this surprise look on his face is genuine. But just before I forget I picked this up from the floor, Mr Speaker, this perhaps belongs to you (Hands a note to Speaker). So I think Sir, that we on this part of the House are very, very zealous as to the conduct of the affairs of this House, not because we are personal, not because we want to occupy the stage all the time, but we feel, Sir, that we are elected by the electorate, we don't represent ourselves. If this is a matter of an amount of goodwill, we would just as much let the Honourable the Chief Minister have a field day. No, that would be dereliction of our duty. We are not here to represent ourselves, we are here to represent the electorate and what the electorate feels—the pulses, pulsations outside must be represented here.

The Honourable the Chief Minister would like to live in his world of ignorance. Whenever he comes across an uncomfortable question—"I am not aware". It is becoming nauseating to listen to his answers. And we have had, for example, on one occasion on the first day his inability even to answer a question. And yet knowing him as "a professional politician"—I got it down here, he can have it if he wants it—he is not even versed with the Standing Orders to know that if he claims privilege, then he himself should make the claim; not expect, to hide under the sarong of the Speaker in this House.

So I think that, judging from what we have heard in this House, certainly we do not have people of calibre in this House, particularly on the Government benches, I would like, and I am sure the people would like, and the people are waiting anxiously, particularly in view of the declaration in the last few days in this House, to hear from their elected representatives. They were not elected for five years to

keep quiet on issues. If the Government benchers feel that they are entitled to this gratuity and this pension, let them stand up. Don't hide behind your votes—stand up and say so to your electorates. Stand up. They are waiting to hear from you. But do not try to use the Speaker; do not try to use any other methods to stop us from asking questions or do whatever else that is within the Standing Orders.

I feel that what my learned friend on the left said about priorities is quite correct. What are the priorities in this State? The Honourable the Chief Minister is unaware of a lot of things and, not only that, whenever he is pushed on any issue he says "We need time to do this"; "We need time to do that". But he has a lot of time to produce this Bill. But he has no time to implement the bridge. He has no time even to see people I understand—people who don't come by jumbo jets at least. He has no time for these people, but he has time to produce this "wonderful piece of legislation". For whose benefit, Sir? For whose benefit? That's what the people like to know—"for whose benefit". I say that it is for the benefit particularly of the Chief Minister, because he will immediately qualify—or at least the provisions are so written that he will qualify before he is ousted by his friends on the right. Perhaps as a result of what happened in the last few days, his masters may not be too happy about it. He may be called up to give an explanation. The explanations given so far this morning, in my opinion, do not hold water. His explanations, if one glosses over them, yes they could be quite credible, but if one were to study these explanations thoroughly, they don't hold water. If one says that these letters were signed for a crisis, the big question mark is why were these letters not returned after the crisis? Why were they not returned, and why even so are people so afraid? I say "people" I don't say "one". Why are people so afraid that they have got to come and make Statutory Declarations? And I say, Sir (ganggung).

Tuan Speaker: Ahli Yang Berhormat, Ahli Yang Berhormat sudah keluar daripada pindaan ini. Saya tidak benarkan Ahli Yang Berhormat berchakap lagi.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Whether I "keluar" or I don't "keluar", I think will be decided one day by the people. But you have made a ruling and I hope only that you will make that same ruling when the Honourable the Chief Minister "keluar" as he did this morning from everything! I have tried very hard, as a result of this morning's incident, to look at the Standing Orders and I have been trying to read, to use the famous words of Tunku Abdul Rahman, "from A to Z and Z to A", but I haven't found anything that says that the Honourable the Chief Minister is a special creature in this House to be given special privileges. So I hope that the ruling made in this House will be equally applied to us as to the Chief Minister and I also hope that your goodness will also, in view of what I shall be proposing subsequently, live up to that name and also try and be critical at times—to look if not to the left of you, to the centre so that you can see people standing up (gangguan).

Tuan Speaker: Ahli Yang Berhormat, saya harap Ahli Yang Berhormat jangan-lah criticise saya. Saya punya kuasa ada-lah mu'tamad. Saya harap jangan-lah criticise di-atas diri saya sendiri.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Tuan Speaker, I would like to quite categorically state in this House that, as far as I am concerned, the Speaker has got his powers. We do not challenge those powers; but the sovereignty, integrity, of the electorate can never be subverted. And I, for one, in the interests of my electorate and the people of Penang, am prepared to suffer any consequence that the Honourable the Chief Minister is prepared to mete out under the Standing Orders.

As I was saying, one of the unhappy aspects of this Bill also is the inequality

of the Bill. This Bill is a one-sided Bill, aimed to benefit perhaps one man sitting there whose political future is shaky today, to say the least. Shaky because of a great credibility gap between the people as to his, shall we say, political integrity in view of what has happened. This is nothing new—the local newspaper carried a story in December as to the existence of this peculiar document. This is nothing new. And if the Honourable the Chief Minister has admitted its existence, it is not because he is good-hearted but because he has no choice; because his masters also, I understand, have a copy of this document. I say this Bill is an unequal Bill. This is a lopsided Bill meant for people who are on the exodus, who are going out, and who hope that when they go out they will be able to reap some benefits and their futures secured. Why do I say that? And particularly take care of certain influential people in the Ex. Co., particularly the Chief Minister himself—this Bill takes care of these people. But does it take care of other people? Does this provision concern itself with proper, I would say, protocol. No. An example I would like to give, an example merely, and I hope the Honourable the Speaker will not rule me out and say it is about him. It is about the Bill and I have a right to say it and that is nowhere in this Bill, Sir, nowhere, have I read a provision for the Speaker. No, provision for the Speaker. It is alright if the Chief Minister gets chucked out tomorrow he will get his thousand dollars. I do not know how you calculate it, whether he has to get the 4 years, but he will try and sit it out—may be the Honourable the Chief Minister after this Session will inform us or inform the public that he is going on a holiday prior to retirement. I hope not! In spite of what he has said that we don't have much love lost between us, we would like to have him here so "long" as the electorate wants him; but the moment the electorate does not want him, he will please get out! But, of course, the Honourable the Chief Minister can, as soon as he has fulfilled his four-year period, for example,

say "I am going on leave prior to retirement" and he will get his \$1,000. But why, no such provision for the Speaker? The Speaker does his job also.

Tuan Speaker: Sebab saya ada saya punya penchen, Government bagi pada saya. (*ketawa*).

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Mr Speaker, Sir, that would be a good point. (*ketawa*). I agree with you that would be a good point, Sir, but I don't think that you are that selfish to consider that because you have a pension some other Speaker who comes after you, who may not have a pension, is not entitled to it. I don't mean that you are not entitled to your pension; as an ordinary Member you will still get it. But I say, as Speaker holding a position second to the Governor—you come second to the Governor, not the Honourable the Chief Minister; of course the Honourable the Chief Minister always likes to think that he is the Speaker, he is the Chief Minister, he is the Deputy Chief Minister and everything else in one (*gangguan*).

Tuan Speaker: Ahli Yang Berhormat, Ahli Yang Berhormat sudah berchakap panjang. Sekarang sudah tea-time, saya bagi lima minit saja. Saya harap Ahli Yang Berhormat janganlah ulang² berchakap itu sahaja ulang², Dewan sudah dengan panjang lebar, saya bagi lima minit sahaja lagi.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Mr Speaker, Sir, you can "bagi me lima minit" as you like, but we do not use the forum of this House alone—I say that eventually the decision will have to be made by the people. Therefore, any attempt to cut out any argument on this issue or any attempt to try and get out of this predicament that the Government is now in, through the offices of this House, highest office of this House, will not help the Honourable the Chief Minister. And I feel that in moving this Motion and in his reply just now Of course, the Honourable the Chief Minister thinks he is so great in this

House that nobody is allowed to speak after him except the mover of a Motion; there again I have read the Standing Orders and it doesn't say that. Anybody, if he chooses, can also speak after the Chief Minister—that is only on condition that he is bothered at all whether the Honourable the Chief Minister is given the opportunity to reply. In normal circumstances, one would want the Honourable the Chief Minister to reply, but under some circumstances the Honourable the Chief Minister is not able to give any replies in any event, and today is an example. He knows that he will be unable to reply to the questions and to the issues that will be raised as a result of what happened yesterday and that is why he tried to curtail further discussion of this morning's debate. But I would say that at this juncture—and I would like to add that I haven't forfeited my right to speak later—I support the Amendment because if the Members are sincere, the Members of the Government benches particularly, and they have no grave doubts about the possibility of their return to this House; and if they search their conscience properly, deeply, search your conscience Members—whether you were elected in 1969 to come and enjoy increased remuneration we had last year an increased remuneration voting yourself an increment of \$250 and not forgetting, Sir, in all these debates the Honourable the Chief Minister would like to paint a picture of poverty-stricken Members of Assembly. "How their dependants will suffer". Don't forget, if a Member dies in the course of his duties, we have an Enactment to provide insurance. He is covered again. The Honourable the Chief Minister is prepared to forget all these things and come to this House and say "Oh, how unfortunate are our Assemblymen and we must pay them more".

There are Assemblymen, Sir, who are not even prepared to come here today—the Timbalan Ketua Menteri is not here, he is on leave, he says. I say any responsible Member of this House, unless he is sick or unless he

has got some urgent matter—a Conference somewhere.... Tuan Speaker, if you wish to cut me off from speaking, you are at liberty to do so, but on the other hand I must really impress upon you that you have a duty not only to the Chief Minister as a friend, as a leader of the Government, but you have a duty to the people to discharge. And as I had said already, I feel that if we in this House, in view of what has happened this morning, find that we are unable to discharge our duties, we have no hesitation to suffer under the highest consequences that could be meted out and I think that unless I have already finished what I have to say, it would be very unfair. I have never heard you, Sir, tell the Honourable the Chief Minister “you have already gone so long, you should stop”. Never. I would like to see that. That is equality that I would be the first to congratulate you and, as I have always said, if, in any event, the pressures from the right are too heavy for you, you can always depend on the pressures on the left.

Tuan Speaker: Saya harap janganlah di-ulang lagi. Dua kali sudah saya bagi amaran jangan-lah criticise diatas diri saya kerana sebagai Speaker di-sini saya ada kuasa dan keputusan saya ada-lah mu'tamad.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): So, Mr Speaker, Sir, I feel that this Bill at this stage should really be amended in accordance with the amendment introduced by the Honourable Member for Ayer Itam. And I hope that, apart from the Honourable the Chief Minister who is now the only voice from the Government side—we have men of such calibre that the rest of them can't speak—that at the very least his colleagues will stand up (gangguan).

Tuan Speaker: Tidak boleh di-ulang² lagi. Saya tak benarkan lagi. Sudah chukup masa lebeh dari lima minit. Ada Ahli² lain yang hendak chakap lagi.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Well, Mr Speaker, Sir, I hope it is true that there are Ahli²

lain who are going to speak. And I hope there are Ahli² lain from the Government side, particularly the Member for Butterworth who is so busy at the present moment trying to find a Standing Order (gangguan).

Tuan Speaker: Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Kelawei, sudah-lah. Saya ingat tidak ada point lagi. Jangan pusing itu.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Mr Speaker, Sir, I would say that I haven't finished my points. But if you are going to rule me out now say so. If you really want the points we will continue with the points. We have got a lot of points, Mr Speaker, Sir. But I am trying to conclude my (gangguan).

Tuan Speaker: Saya sudah buat saya punya ruling. Sudah. Ahli lain sudah datang.

Ahli Kawasan Ayer Itam (Enche' Tan Phock Kin): May I rise on a point of order. I spoke this morning on this question of closure. We have rules here with regard to the mover of a Motion having the opportunity to speak, without giving an opportunity to others to speak. And here again you have made another ruling. And perhaps I like to assist you by referring to Standing Rules and Orders to see whether the Speaker could limit a person, or tell a person that time is up; he cannot speak. There is no provision as to time limit here. But the only ruling which the Speaker can give is on the question of relevancy. If it is held that it is relevant (gangguan).

Tuan Speaker: Ahli Yang Berhormat, saya faham apa Ahli Yang Berhormat telah tujukan kapada saya. Saya faham. Tetapi, nampak-nya Ahli Yang Berhormat sekalian pun semua seasoned politicians—sudah faham semua di-sini. Tetapi saya belum seasoned, belum makan chuka banyak lagi. Oleh sebab saya jadi Speaker keputusan saya ada-lah mu'tamad.

Nampak-nya Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Kelawei chakap berleret², pergi-beleh, pergi-balek, jadi sebab itu saya

beri peluang kepada-nya lagi 5 minit. Itu pun lebih daripada 5 minit. Itu sangat patut kerana ada Ahli² lain lagi yang hendak berbinchang atas perkara itu. Dia pun bersetuju. Dia dudok.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Saya tidak bersetuju, Tuan Speaker. I wish you would not misinterpret me. But I would like to see, after I have sat down, who else is going to speak.

Ahli Kawasan Bagan Ajam (Enche' Ong Yi How): Tuan Speaker, saya minta izin supaya berchakap dalam Bahasa Inggeris.

Tuan Speaker, the Bill before us is very closely related to the function, duty and responsibility of the elected Member.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli Yang Berhormat berchakap di-atas pindaan kah, atau atas Bill?

Ahli Kawasan Bagan Ajam (Enche' Ong Yi How): Di-atas pindaan. That is why I rise to support the amendment to the Bill.

Tuan Speaker, the function, the duty and the responsibility of the elected Members in this House are very important. Not very long ago our Honourable Chief Minister introduced the Honourable Member for Kelawei to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as Leader of the Opposition. And this morning it was quite shocking that the Member of the Opposition was not given an opportunity to play his role, his duty and his responsibility as a Member of the Opposition. Why? Is the Honourable Chief Minister afraid of the truth? Is he going to get away with all the twisted facts?

Tuan Speaker: Ahli Yang Berhormat, saya nampak Ahli Yang Berhormat terkeluar daripada yang kita binchang dari pindaan ini. (*Ketawa*).

Ahli Kawasan Bagan Ajam (Enche' Ong Yi How): Thank you, Tuan Speaker. But all Members in this House have a role and duty to play. And there are many more important

things in our State to do instead of rushing through this Bill. For example, in Butterworth, hundreds and hundreds of hawkers don't have anywhere to sell their wares. They are chased from here to there; and from there again back to there. And you make a lot of rules trying to restrict their business. There are hundreds and hundreds of squatters with no home to go to. They have to build houses on Government's land. And every now and then the Government's land rover will come up and pull down the houses.

And, Tuan Speaker, at this time of the year all businessmen in Penang experience great difficulty. They have just completely lost the Penang free port status. We just had another 2% of surtax added to the original 2% to make it 4%. We have, Sir, sales tax. People are finding it extremely difficult to earn their living—even at \$2 a day. And today we come to this House to get the pension for our own pocket.

Tuan Speaker, Sir, we have to remember our responsibility to the people; to remember the work of our constituencies. I ask Honourable Members in this House, "How many of you really go back to your own constituency; really go to meet your people there; really go there to find out their needs? Search your conscience. Do you really go there every day to meet your people; to talk to them; to have coffee with them; and to find out what difficulties they are in?" Tuan Speaker, I think last year we voted ourselves another \$250 for our pockets. This year we come to this Pension Bill. The Chief Minister himself will be benefited with \$1,000 a month after next year. Tuan Speaker, constituency work is of utmost importance to our Assemblymen. This morning the Honourable the Chief Minister criticised me for not doing any constituency work. How much has our Honourable Chief Minister done? Has he gone back to his own constituency? Has he tried to take coffee in the coffee shops with these people? After you became the Chief Minister it is not worth any more of your time to sit with them. The more I think you

should sit with them. The Honourable the Chief Minister also said, "I hear this, I hear that, that I broke my father's heart (*Ketawa*) This kind of thing should not come into this Assembly. As low as that: bringing the father of yourself into this Assembly. Tuan Speaker, whether I have done enough for my constituency, whether the Honourable Chief Minister has done enough for his constituency, or whether his Political Secretary has done enough for his Constituency, there is one thing to prove it. I resign from Bagan Ajam and you resign from Kota. Let us go into a bye-election. Let the people judge.

Ahli Kawasan Ayer Itam (Enche' Tan Phock Kin): Hooray. (*Ketawa*).

Ahli Kawasan Bagan Ajam (Enche' Ong Yi How): I do not know how you or your Political Secretary can take a challenge.

Tuan Speaker, the Chief Minister said, "I hear this, I hear that; the school here, the school there". (*Ketawa*). Tuan Speaker, I also heard something—that one of the Members of the Government bench used this increased allowance to keep a mistress.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Shame. Against the Rukunegara.

Ahli Kawasan Bagan Ajam (Enche' Ong Yi How): The Chief Minister can say, "I hear from this, I hear from that". I can also say, "I hear from this and I hear from that". But this is what I think Tuan Speaker, in view of so many things claiming priority for our attention in this House, I support the amendment to the Motion as moved by the Honourable Member for Ayer Itam—that this Bill be delayed for three years; and we come back to this House and discussed that again. At the moment we should think of how difficult it is for businessmen outside to earn their living, and consequently the people employed by those businessmen; to keep them, to pay their salaries. They cannot even get \$80 a month. We vote ourselves \$750. We now want to vote the pension to our

pocket. Tuan Speaker, I ask the House to search its conscience, and delay the Bill for three years; and we come back to the House to discuss the matter. Terima kaseh.

Soalan di-kemukakan dan pindaan tidak di-persetujui.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Tuan Speaker, saya minta division.

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Enche' V. Veerappen
Enche' Tan Phock Kin
Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan
Enche' Khoo Soo Giap
Enche' Koay Boon Seng
Enche' Ong Yi How

TIDAK

Ketua Menteri
Enche' Teh Ewe Lim
Enche' Khoo Kay Por
Enche' Tan Gim Hwa
Enche' S. P. Chelliah
Enche' Ismail bin Hashim
Enche' Ooi Ah Bee
Tuan Haji Ahmad bin Haji Abdullah
Enche' D. C. Stewart
Tuan Haji Mohamed Nor bin Haji Bakar
Enche' Khoo Teng Chye
Enche' Teoh Kooi Sneah
Tuan Haji Abdul Kadir bin Haji Hassan

TIDAK HADZIR

Enche' Abdul Rahman bin Haji Yunus
Enche' Mustapha bin Hussain
Enche' Ooh Chooi Cheng
Enche' Wong Choong Woh.

Tuan Speaker: Ini-lah keputusan diatas pindaan itu. Ya—6 orang; Tidak—13 orang; Tidak hadir—4 orang. "Tidak" lebih banyak. Oleh itu pindaan ini tidak di-persetujui.

Ahli Kawasan Ayer Itam (Enche' Tan Phock Kin): Tuan Speaker, saya minta izin berchakap dalam Bahasa Inggeris.

It is rather disappointing that the Honourable Chief Minister in the course of debate on the amendment has failed—and I say he has failed—dismally to reply to various important questions posed by Members on this side of the House. On the question of

priorities he remains silent. Not a word on them. Priority is the question which is uppermost in his mind whenever there is a debate in this House; whenever there is any request for services to be provided for the people of this State. Is this silence an indication that he admits that as far as the question of priority is concerned he agrees that his Government has made a blunder? And in his enthusiasm to provide additional income for his colleagues he has failed to appreciate, or failed to remember what he has said on prior occasions. And also on this question of more equitable distribution of income, as stated in the speech of His Excellency the Governor—the question of checking imbalances—here again not a word is being said on that. We would like to know and he owes a duty to explain to this house the stand of his Government on these issues. He has already emphasised quite firmly that the principle of giving a pension is laudable. But here again, if it is to be consistent with the declared policy it must be introduced in such a manner as to conform with the principle that has been enunciated. The Honourable the Chief Minister will have full opportunity, as mover of the Second Reading of the Bill, to reply in accordance with Standing Order 60 (3). And I hope that he will make an attempt, however unsatisfactory the answer may be, to tell us his reasons in reply to the various problems posed by us on this side of the House because this is a matter of interests not only to the Members of the House but the people of Penang as a whole. They want to know why this particular Bill is introduced with such urgency. They want to know why, after repeated statements with regard to priorities, this particular Bill should be introduced at this juncture. How does this particular Bill fit into the question of priorities?

The argument put forward by the Honourable the Chief Minister about wanting people to make sure that potential candidates for election, after reading the Bill, will make up their minds whether to contest or not to

contest elections: This, to my mind, is taking the view that potential candidates wanting to contest elections are so opportunistic as to think in terms of dollars and cents. I think that this is not in the mind of any potential candidate at all. Most people who decide to go into elections are imbued by motives other than monetary motives. Most people go into elections because they believe in certain ideologies; and they feel that a certain political Party can conform and assist in the quest to make living standards better for the people, and thereby join a political organisation with that motive. That is the motivating factor. But if a person says that he will have to consider whether to contest the next elections or not, depending on the Pensions Bill, I would say that as far as my Party is concerned I would consider such a candidate undesirable. Candidates should make sacrifices. They must contest elections because of their beliefs in doing good for the electorate, and not because of monetary consideration. Perhaps it is the objective of the members of the Gerakan who think in those terms. But, if it is so, let it be said. There is nothing to be ashamed of. And I hope that the Honourable the Chief Minister, in the course of his reply, will not evade this particular issue; and that he will answer to the best of his ability, though it may not be satisfactory to the people. At least he makes some attempt to do so.

Ahli Kawasan Jelutong (Enche' Koay Boon Seng): Dato' Speaker, dengan izin berchakap dalam Bahasa Inggeris.

I regret that I have to rise up to speak against this Bill introduced at this juncture because a year ago I strongly opposed the Bill to increase the allowance of Members of this House. The only difference in the introduction of the Bill's is that one was introduced by the former Gerakan State Government, and the one we are debating today is introduced by the Alliance-Gerakan Coalition Government, which has the same motive. Power has been abused by the then

Gerakan Government; and now by the Coalition Government. The Honourable Member of Bayan Lepas has put his words effectively—that they would swim and sink together with the Gerakan, and they will grow fat and wealthy with the Gerakan.

Dato' Speaker, all the Members of this House are entrusted with powers to serve the people, and to better their livelihood. We are not entrusted to better our wealth financially by getting more allowance, pension and gratuity. The cost of living of people is higher day by day, and the people have been suffering too much. Besides the increase of surtax from 2% to 4% we are now paying 5% sales tax as the prices of sugar and daily necessities are already increased. The Coalition Government is now introducing this Bill to get more from the taxes and rates paid by the people. It affects the poor who have to face more hardship. We hear, and we will continue to hear, that the State Government wants conformity between the State and the Federal Government, that is, the Alliance. The reasons why allowance, pension, and gratuity are increased and given to the Members of this House as advanced so far by the Government are not reasons at all. The pension and gratuity provided for the Members of this House cannot meet the high calibre of the politicians. I say, Sir, a political rat is a political rat. No matter how much you pay him he is still a rat. He will only have a bigger appetite. We on this side will expose the ulterior motives of the Coalition Government. We condemn the Bill as an act of a heartless and irresponsible Coalition Government to stangle the poor.

Ahli Kawasan Dhoby Ghaut (Enche' Khoo Teng Chye): Tuan Speaker, saya minta izin berchakap dalam Bahasa Inggeris.

I rise to speak in support of the Bill. Tuan Speaker, Sir, in supporting this Bill, I would urge Honourable Members of this House, especially those from the D.A.P., to view the Bill with an open mind rather than with a narrow mind, so that consideration from all angles can be weighed and

deliberated carefully and unbiasedly in order to give this Bill a very thorough examination. One should not hold the attitude that just because he is sitting in opposition he should immediately attack the Bill, and try to ridicule the Government, or accuse the Government of feathering the nests of its own Members, and that of the Honourable the Chief Minister, without giving due consideration to the far-reaching benefits that this Bill will have. It will assist in encouraging more participants to be candidates in the field of politics. Personally, I strongly believe that if we genuinely and sincerely want a fair representation of a cross section of the people in this House, and consider that politics should not be confined only to the rich and the professional people, then there is all the more reason why we should give support to this Bill. This Bill, if passed, will give encouragement to all persons from the working class to come forward and participate actively in politics, as the offer of pension and gratuity would provide them with the financial safeguard that is not needed in the case of the rich or the professional people. Tuan Speaker, Sir, unless we can encourage more people, especially a wider cross section of the people, to come forward and participate in politics it will be most unfortunate to find that politics will be confined only to a certain privileged class, while the poor who form the mass of the people are being deprived of active participation. Tuan Speaker, Sir, in consequence a situation would arise where a large section of the views of the people would be prevented from being expressed and heard. And I would then consider this a tragedy and a setback to democracy. No doubt a socialist will really give support to this Bill. Many so-called socialists, like those from the D.A.P., have shown how socialistic they are because they want politics to be monopolised by the elite; and also because they want to exploit the debate on this Bill for political expediency. I would consider that a Bill of this nature should have been passed long ago, and not now, although it is better late than never.

Tuan Speaker, Sir, what Honourable Members of this House must bear in mind is that the Bill, if passed, will benefit all those who are eligible, irrespective of where one is sitting, so long as he has contributed the prescribed period of service to this House and the State. Also, it will bring Penang in line with the other States in Malaysia, as other States have already adopted the scheme. Tuan Speaker, Sir, there are cases of wage-earners and workers, to my knowledge, who have to resign from their posts in order to contest in elections, or to serve as Honourable Members of this House. The most regrettable part of it is that after having served the term, and after having contributed so much for the State and the people, they find themselves unemployed and without a job at the end of the term since their posts have already been filled. And this is indeed pitiful. Unless some safeguard is brought about, very few wage-earners and workers would take part in politics. And it would be most unfortunate and regretful if a large section of the people are prevented from participation in politics. The provision of an aggregate period of service of 9 years, to my mind, is a very good inductive factor in the Bill. An Honourable Member must serve at least two terms or nine years, and must attain on age of 45 before he is eligible. Serving Members must seek re-election to this House in order to warrant this benefit of pension and gratuity, as envisaged in the Bill. Until and unless in the course of his term he has performed his services as expected of him by his electorate, he may not be re-elected for a second term to this House. Therefore, the privilege of this benefit of pension and gratuity is not a thing that can be asked for by Honourable Members themselves. To the best of my knowledge, with the exception of a small group of Honourable Members in this House, the passage of this Bill does not necessarily mean that the rest of us are eligible. The final say whether we will be able to enjoy this benefit does not lie with us, but with the people and the elec-

torate who have to put us in this House. Therefore the passage of this Bill which upholds the will and the right of the people is an excellent manifestation of democracy. In the light of what I have just said I would urge this House to give full support to this Bill.

Ahli Kawasan Bagan Ajam (Enche' Ong Yi How): Tuan Speaker, saya minta izin sebab berchakap dalam Bahasa Inggeris.

Tuan Speaker, the two arguments put forward for the Bill—one, conformity with the Federal Government's Bill: Tuan Speaker, if these things were said in 1969 I believe that none of the people on the other side would be sitting there. But it was not said in 1969.

Dewan di-tangguhkan pada jam 4.43 petang.

Dewan bersidang sa-mula pada jam 5.00 petang.

Ahli Kawasan Bagan Ajam (Enche' Ong Yi How): Tuan Speaker, as I was saying just now, one argument for the Bill is conformity of the Federal Government with other States that are governed by the Alliance. Now, if we say that in 1967 in General Election, or included in the Gerakan Manifesto, you think we are going to be sitting here, I remember that in our first Sitting our Honourable Member for Bayan Lepas was sitting here. And I think he crossed a long way. And I say, "Selamat jalan daripada sini".

Ahli Kawasan Bayan Lepas (Enche' Ismail bin Hashim): Same to you.

Ahli Kawasan Bagan Ajam (Enche' Ong Yi How): And he was saying what we have promised the people, and what we have not promised. What the Gerakan promised the people and never carried out. Bridge—where is it?

But this Bill we never promised the people. Then when we come into power we vote for our increment of \$250; we vote for our Pension Bill. And the Chief Minister after four year's time will get \$1,000 a month. Well, what will people say of the

Gerakan today? Is the Gerakan today the same as the Gerakan in 1969; or I myself changed like "malao"?

Tuan Speaker, the second argument the Government put forward—to attract more people of better calibre; Tuan Speaker, we want dedicated men; not men who think of dollars and cents—who think of money. So, today if we are thinking that this Bill and the \$250 increment we will bring in better men we are very much mistaken. We want dedicated men. We do not want men who jump from here to there; there to there; and then he comes back again.

Ahli Kawasan Bayan Lepas (Enche' Ismail bin Hashim): Like you. You are right.

Ahli Kawasan Bagan Ajam (Enche' Ong Yi How): Tuan Speaker, I sincerely proposed here that instead of having a Bill like that we should do one thing—provide a free house with furniture in every constituency for every Assemblyman. Why? I know many Assemblymen cannot be found. Even constituency people do not know what is his telephone number.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Who?

Ahli Kawasan Bagan Ajam (Enche' Ong Yi How): I don't know. I think those people should know themselves. In fact the Assemblyman's greatest responsibility is to meet people of his constituency. If you do not stay in your constituency where are the people going to find you? They want to find you; they have to come all the way across the sea, up to the ninth or eighth floor; and then wait there until the time comes that you are able to see them. As the elected Member of a constituency he should stay there. And every now and then, or in the morning or in the afternoon, he should be available to meet the people coming to see him. He should have a fixed time and a fixed place to meet the people; not to have an office over there, or come to the Party house once in a while to meet the people there. Therefore, I urge the Government to think of providing a house. Instead of giving him and more and more allowances, provide a house

free of charge, with furniture, for the Assemblymen to stay in so that they can discharge their duties in their constituency.

Tuan Speaker, in fact I have to say again: Search our conscience. Whether we are doing this or we say "ya", is it for the good of the people who elected us; or is it for the good of our own pocket? This is the question I put to the House: Who would say "ya", or who would say "no"?

Tuan Speaker, I suggest that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee. Thank you very much.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Dengan kebenaran berchakap dalam Bahasa Inggeris.

I would like to move an amendment to the Bill under Order 75 of the Standing Orders. This is my amendment: That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee of the House for further consideration.

With permission, Mr Speaker, Sir, Order 75 says, "A Bill may be referred to a Select or other Committees at any stage including whilst it is under consideration in Committee of the whole Assembly, and the reference to the Select or other Committee may be in respect of the Bill as a whole or of specified clauses." It is very clear. Now I move this, Mr Speaker, Sir, because I think we on this side of the House are highly dissatisfied with the total lack of reasoning, and the total lack of creditable points advanced by the Members of the Government so far; or even the Honourable the Chief Minister himself. This betrays, Sir, that the whole Bill has not been contemplated and has been pushed into this session with undue haste, for reasons that perhaps the public themselves may well suspect.

Mr Speaker, Sir, we are well aware, as a result of the questions that we posed in the last Session and in this Session, that the Government Members particularly are very fond of talking on the financial resources of this State. This is not a new phenomenon. It is something that has been going on for

some time. And I give examples as: (1) The increment of \$250 last year; (2) The questions, and the answers given to those questions, in connection with travelling allowances claimed by Government Members. They ran in the thousands, Sir. In 1970 they ran in the thousands of dollars claimed by the Government Members. In this Sitting the Member for Bukit Mertajam, for example, has claimed thousands of dollars, even in spite of the fact that the D.A.P. today is closely scrutinizing each item of expenditure. We do know that there has been a slight decrease in view of our scrutiny. Government Members now are a bit more careful in incurring travelling allowances. But perhaps they have diverted this claim to other accounts. But we are in the process of investigating into this also. Another very clear aspect which we will also be investigating—I must give you warning now—is that we have been, so far, prevented from looking into the Accounts of Penang Electronics. We are in the process of investigation; That warning I give to the Honourable the Chief Minister.

Sir, it is very clear that is an ill-thought-of Bill because, as I have already given an indication earlier, if the Ex. Co. Members are thumping for special consideration do not look with such incredibility. I wonder if you have read your Bill. They are, Sir, under Section 4.

As an example I am citing section 4: "Notwithstanding subsection (2) of section 3 Sir, as the Honourable Member for Dhoby Ghaut has been so proud to proclaim to the world and the public at large. And I read section 3: "A person who ceases to be a Member may be granted a pension if he has completed nine years reckonable service and if when he so ceases has attained or thereafter attains the age of forty-five years'. Very, very reasonable it appears to him. But one question the public would like to ask perhaps: Why 45? Why your civil servants get pension at 55, or at their option at 50? why you 45? you are not capable of doing some physical labour? Or is it below your dignity just because you have been a politician? Why 45? Why

not 55? Why don't you treat yourself the same way you treat your civil servants? Why 45? No answer! The only answer is silence! That is the only answer! Why 45? And I come to my comparison for an ordinary member of the Assembly. And, of course, I agree with my friend from Dhoby Ghaut. I hope he doesn't mind it if I disclose some private conversation—that he would not qualify for it. I agree with you. You haven't attained nine years. And at the rate things are going you will never attain nine years. At the rate things are going you are not going to get re-elected! We will see. Don't you worry. We will see. (*Ketawa*).

Ahli Kawasan Bayan Lepas (Enche' Ismail bin Hashim): Don't be too proud. Ulu Selangor should teach you.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Ulu Selangor is no problem, my dear friend. Wait for the 1974 (*gangguan*).

Ahli Kawasan Bayan Lepas (Enche' Ismail bin Hashim): And many more will follow.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Yes, many more will follow. Don't you worry. Live in your world of dreams. Go on. That is how 1969 came about. We are happy, Sir, that the Coalition Government is so happy with themselves. Sir, we are happy if they are happy, If they are satisfied we will be very satisfied. I note for example that the Honourable Chief Minister told us this morning, you know, "Under the Alliance ten years ago what was the rate? Look at it here—in three years. This is our new rate of growth". "How many factories have gone up in the last three years?" "But look at the Alliance record, look at the statistics which will speak for itself". I am very glad that the Gerakan gives itself a pat at the back while it kicks the backside of the U.M.N.O. And the U.M.N.O. takes it! It accepts the figures! Very good co-operation I must say! Very good. Excellent. We should see more of that. Oh, we are happy to know that under the Gerakan Government during the last three years factories have been "going up". But

under the Administration ten years ago—Wong Pow Nee and your friends? That—you were there—was a very poor show. Very good. I congratulate the Honourable Chief Minister for telling the public of Penang how bad the Alliance Government Administration was; and how good his was since 1969. Excellent! Let's hear more of these statistics. Sir, as I was saying before I was interrupted, what does section 4 say? And I would like to read, shall we say, the explanatory note to that section. It says—and these are the nice words—"Special provisions for Chief Minister or members of Executive Council becoming back-bencher". Now, is that an implication that the Honourable Chief Minister very soon will become a back-bencher? Is that an implication? Or maybe some of the not-so-bright sparks may be seated at the back by the next Session. That is the wording, Sir, of this side note. Special provisions. Why Sir? Why does the Honourable Chief Minister need special Provisions? Why do members of the Executive Council need special provisions? Why? Can they explain? They cannot explain this. This is by way of an example I am giving. This is not the only one. And what do the special provisions say? I read section 4: "Notwithstanding subsection (2) of section 3," subsection (2) of section 3 says "nine years". So' notwithstanding the requirements for nine years qualifications for pensions a Member who does not hold the office of Chief Minister, i.e. Lim Chong Eu, or who is not a member of the Executive Council—perhaps the Member for Sungai Pinang—very soon may be granted a pension under subsection (1) of that section if he has previously served as a Chief Minister or as a Member of the Executive Council for a period of not less than three years, whether continuously or otherwise. A further safeguard. He will still get it. Why? Are you afraid that it will be "continuously"? You mean to say that you can't last as Chief Minister for three years? You are afraid that you will be ousted in three years. You are afraid that you won't be an Executive

Council member for three years. Why this special provision? Why do the other Members have to qualify in nine years, and you have to qualify in three years? Why not nine years for yourself? You want special privileges! Is that it? Executive Council members want special privileges! Shall we write both special privileges into the State Constitution? How do you explain? Why? That is the question. Are you going to be ousted very soon? I think that could be the reason because the Gerakan Government and the Coalition Government know full well that its tenure of office is highly unstable because the Gerakan group is pulling in one direction, and the U.M.N.O. group in another; and the invisible non-represented M.C.A. group is pulling in a third direction. And I would say that in this case I wonder why, for example, in this ill-considered Bill under the definition for "Member" we do not include a Member; and it says here only, "means a Member of the Administration of the State as defined in Article 160 (2) of the Federal Constitution and includes a Member of the Legislative Assembly". Why don't you include members of the State Liaison, State Coalition, or Consultative Committee, or your Co-ordinating Committee? It apparently is not wrong of Government, to allow civil servants—your State Planning Officer, Economic Officer—to speak, and have to answer, to these unconstitutional bodies. You are subverting the Constitution of this State. The Honourable Chief Minister can't even uphold the integrity of the Constitution. A man who is not a representative of the State of Penang, Tun Tan Siew Sin, comes to Penang; and he is in charge of one of these dubious Committees which has the right to summon Government officers to speak before it. I like the Honourable the Chief Minister to explain that if he can. And how, Sir, is it that a man like Mr Murugesu, representing the M.I.C., who is not a citizen from this State sit on those Committees to represent the State of Penang? How? You are abusing your powers. And I mentioned earlier as I said, "Why Executive Council members"? If you

concede in principle that you have given special provisions for Executive Council members or the Honourable Chief Minister, why not the Speaker? I am not referring to you, yourself, Sir. Why not the office of the Speaker? Why not? Why is it not included in here? "Notwithstanding subsection (2) of section 3, a Member who does not hold the office of Chief Minister, or Speaker, or who is not a member of the Executive Council may be granted a pension under subsection (1) of that section if he has previously served as Chief Minister, or Speaker, or as a member of the Executive Council for a period of not less than three years". Why? Now we know why. We are sharing the fruits of office. My colleague here said, "robbing the people of Penang". Those are very harsh words, but they have a sparkle of truth Why?

The Honourable the Chief Minister has always been one to talk about sacrifices. His boys go to Sungei Kluang and tell the farmers, "You must sacrifice. You must make way for development and progress". Very good. Well, in the last Session when we were debating the Remuneration Amendment Bill I asked the Chief Minister to sacrifice. Is he able to sacrifice Is he able to ask his Members to sacrifice? But I think that the Chief Minister who is now caught between his own dubious Members and the U.M.N.O. cannot be a Chief Minister who makes decisions which are in the interest of this State. He cannot make an independent decision even if he had the heart to do so. He cannot. He has always to look over his shoulders, and perhaps really kow-tow. And if he is convinced that what he does and what he has been doing is correct he will accept the challenge of the Honourable Member for Bagan Ajam. Resign your seat! I would suggest further that both resign and contest for the Chief Minister's seat.

Tuan Speaker: Tak payah tunjok-lah Ahli Yang Berhormat—tunjokkan saya.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Fair enough.

Tuan Speaker: Tunjokkan saya (gangguan)

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): That, Sir, would give the Chief Minister all the advantages.

Tuan Speaker: kerana Ahli Yang Berhormat berchapak kapada saya.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): I am sure that he as the Chief Minister, is influential—"a walk-over". And I would pledge further that the D.A.P. will not field a candidate. We will stay out of the election, and let it be fought on the basis of the integrity of the Chief Minister. Whether, as what the Member for Bagan Ajam says, he is a political blackmailer or not, let us have the truth out. He is afraid of a Commission of Enquiry. Well, then let the people decide. He is afraid.

Sir, this question of conformity does not arise. Why do I say conformity does not arise? Well, if we wish to conform with the other States then I would have thought that the first thing the Chief Minister should have said and have done during the 1969 Elections was to have gone on the Election platform, instead of singing his silly song about sinking the Alliance boat which he has now helped to raise to the surface of the water that he has gone on to the boat, and is going to sink with it. Instead of talking about conformity now. He was talking about lack of funds, availability of funds. Look, we are the Trustees of the people. What are Trustees? People who have been given a trust over the finances of these people. I know the Chief Minister has said differently. 'If the people do not agree with our policies they can kick us out at the next Election'. But, Sir, we cannot hold the interests of the people at ransom. We cannot do that. It will be too late by the time we kick out the Gerakan Government. Too much damage would have been done. But if we talk about conformity—and I raised this matter—the Chief Minister was not prepared for conformity. And he was prepared to go to any extent to distort the facts and twist words. This is unacceptable altogether of a Chief Minister. If you are unable to answer a question truthfully say you are unable. If you

think that you have no way out truthfully say so. But don't distort facts. Don't misinterpret events and say that, for example, I did not inform the District Officer. I am not going to go through the tedious challenge of asking the District Officer to go and cut a cockerel. But the fact still remains. And I am sure the Honourable the Chief Minister in his heart, and the State Secretary know full well that on the day that I asked for an appointment with the District Officer in Sungei Klauang I bore in mind that it was a Sunday, and I told the District Officer so. And the District Officer—and for that I would like to mention it here because that is to his credit—said, "As a Civil servant I am prepared to work even on a Sunday". That was to his credit. But what was not to his credit was if—and I said "if"—the State Secretary was telling the truth to me when on Sunday he told me that he would himself inform the District Officer.

Tuan Speaker: Saya ingat Ahli Yang Berhormat jangan-lah sebut berkenaan dengan State Secretary kerana dia tidak boleh menjawab apa² kapada Ahli Yang Berhormat di-sini. Saya harap jangan-lah sebut lagi District Officer atau State Secretary kerana dia tidak dapat menjawab apa² Ahli Yang Berhormat tanya.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Although the State Secretary may not be able to answer, I am sure the Chief Minister is not dumb. But the point I am trying to make is that the communication was made; and it should have been made by the State Secretary and not by me. And the fact that the District Officer did not turn up was (gangguan)

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): Tuan Yang di-Pertua, di-atas Peratoran 46 (vi).

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): It was due to inefficiency on the part of the Gerakan Government.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): On a point of Order—46 (vi): "Every Member shall confine

his observations to the subject under consideration". I think the Honourable Member is evasive, and is going around beating about the bush, and is not directly confining his speech to this Bill which is under debate.

Tuan Speaker: Saya harap Ahli Yang Berhormat jangan dikeluarkan daripada yang kita debate berkenaan dengan pension (gangguan)

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Tuan Speaker, Sir, in the morning's debate the Chief Minister—as I said, it is a matter of degree—was quite prepared to talk about the D.A.P. and its cadre system, whereas I am talking about a matter concerning this Assembly itself here. The functions, the attitudes, the manner in which Members conduct themselves, because this is the Bill that is going to pay them. And then the people must know whether they deserve to be paid. I was not talking about the Gerakan cadre system. And for that matter I would like to enlighten the Honourable Chief Minister. He is an experienced politician, Sir. He has been in Parliament apparently. But I think he puts his bag there and walks out because he dare not make a speech in Parliament because he is afraid of offending his bosses. Or maybe he wasn't there, because if I am not wrong at one time in the life of the last Parliament the Chief Minister was away in India studying containerisation, and neglected his constituents. But if he were there—assuming—he should have examined or should have debated the Bill that was passed by the former Alliance Government at the time which forbade the cadre system under the Societies Act. And yet he is talking this "poppy code" nonsense.

I now come to my point here. If we want conformity let us conform. I have said earlier, and my friend from Glugor has also said that the Road Safety Council, Penang, requires money. Let us conform. We have got a letter from the Honorary Secretary of the Road Safety Council. This is the State Road Safety Council on which we are represented. Why send us there to represent if you are not going to do

something about it? In the letter dated 17th April, 1972, in accordance with reports received, the Chairman said that the other respective State Governments have allocated the following amounts for the Road Safety work in the States annually:

Johore	...	...	\$10,000.00
Malacca	...	...	\$10,000.00
Sarawak	...	...	\$10,000.00
Selangor	...	...	\$ 2,000.00

why don't we conform? They are not asking for hundreds of thousands of dollars. They are only asking for \$10,000.00. The Chief Minister in one year, Sir, would get \$12,000.00 as soon as he—shall we put it diplomatically—retires. He is going to get \$12,000.00, without working. And just in case the bright spark from Sungei Pinang stands up again and quotes another Standing Order without being personal (gangguan)

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): You are stupid, Sir.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Don't say that!

If we pass the Bill as it is now it would not be in the interests of the people of Penang. Some people in Penang will feel that Section 5, refer to the Bill. And I am referring to Section 5 for the Chief Minister—it says “minimum pension for the Chief Minister”—the question of 4 years—“may be granted a pension under Sections 3 and 4 as the case may be, of not less than \$1,000.00 per month”—the Chief Minister. In that case some people, some members of the public, I mean, the Chief Minister in his moments of horrible madness, we have heard him say, “weight for weight, size for size, the Gerakan is the biggest in Malaysia”—questionable statement, but for his weight probably. But the point I am trying to make is that is he really suggesting that, that the sooner he “kicks the bucket” the better it is for the State financially? Because the longer the Chief Minister lives, every month we've got to pay him \$1,000.00 so if he is going to live 80 years I think we are in trouble. (Ketawa). This State will be in trouble. So these provisions obviously are not

thoroughly thought of. And I am sure the Chief Minister himself must have been also under tremendous pressure in approving this Bill because “member's discipline”, like as he says, they are searching for a way to enforce discipline in the Party and discipline starts to break up when people walk over in fact, three go; and then another one goes; and another one may well go; and another one may well go. At the rate statutory declarations are floating around the State of Penang, repudiating letters of resignation it could happen. And perhaps the Chief Minister is under pressure to pass this Bill for people who know they will never return to this Assembly, Sir. And I say that we on this side, perhaps we are just voicing the sub-conscious fears of the Chief Minister. And we give them this opportunity to refer this Bill back to the Select Committee. If we are talking of conformity, Sir, then the Chief Minister in the last Elections should have stood up on the elections platform and said: “Look, people of Penang, the Alliance Party is going to win in Pahang, Trengganu, Johore, Negeri Sembilan. Let's conform. Don't vote for Gerakan. Vote for Alliance. Conform. That is conformity. But he never did that. So what is this talk about conformity? I haven't heard the other argument. I would like to introduce to the bright sparks in front of us. Another argument would be to prevent corruption. That would be a good argument. Sir, this talk of better men is also not thought of with due deliberation, because if you want really to get better people it is not through pensions and gratuities, Sir. Let us, Sir, first care for the living; not the dead. Let us pay the Assemblymen of this State for carrying out their functions that I agree. The Gerakan Government pushed through in this House the increased salaries—\$250/-. You have pushed through. You have got \$250/-. Look, half the gallery doesn't earn as much as \$250/- a month. And yet you are not satisfied with your \$250/-. You come begging to this House, and show your empty pockets saying, “I want gratuity. I want pension”. Then perhaps, Sir, next time an election notice

should state, apart from "An election will be held on such and such a date". "The salary scale is \$750/-, plus bar, and so-and-so, pension and all that". You should state all that. That is an "incentive". I am sure that the public at large has nothing but contempt for this Bill. And we, the D.A.P., small as the voice may be—. And I know the Hon'ble the Chief Minister, and his good friend from Tanjong Barat who, Sir, is going to benefit under this Bill; the Member from Tanjong Barat will benefit; the Member from Tanjong Utara will benefit; and a few other Members also will benefit from this Bill. And they tell us: "Things have changed in this world. Things have changed. Nixon goes and sees Mao Tze Tung". This is what they said. I didn't say it. 'Change'. But the trouble with people who do not see things clearly; who don't read things clearly; who don't understand things; they can only follow headlines. They don't understand. What are the traditions? What is the background? Why did Nixon go and see Mao Tze Tung? And why Mao Tze Tung didn't go and see Nixon? There lies the difference. You can't explain your Coalition Government. "Because things have changed, so we joined the Alliance, although we fought and shouted against the Alliance with our every breath in 1969". And now we join the Alliance without daring to go for a mandate. They say, "Nixon has gone to see Mao Tse Tung". "Nixon has gone to see Mao Tse Tung", but Mao Tze Tung hasn't gone to see Nixon. There lies the difference. And if that is not understood I will go further to explain. There was a long march. People could sustain. They did not change—Quislings! The Honourable the Chief Minister used the word 'Quisling'. I think that same word is used by the people now today in the streets of Penang. People have fought through the years, and have been prepared to stay in the wilderness if need be. That's why they succeed today. They are prepared to undergo hardships. Sacrifice! That's the word. You have gone to Sungei Kluang and shouted: 'Hee Seng'. Do so now. You are asked, Sir, no more than to forego this

pension and gratuity. These are, shall we say, the deserts. You have the main course; you have your beef steak you have your pork chop in your increased remuneration. These are the deserts you want, Sir. Forego the deserts, for people of Sungei Kluang are being asked to sacrifice. Sacrifice now. Sacrifice. They are deprived of their homes. You are building, Sir, your economic foundation on the broken rice bowls of the people of Sungei Kluang. You are destroying the people, the spirit, and families. Remember that. And when you asked people to sacrifice, ask yourself: "Shall I sacrifice?". And this is a sacrifice. You dare to make the sacrifice? Don't quote Mao Tze Tung. Don't talk about Nixon visiting Mao Tze Tung when you don't understand it at all. You don't understand it, because it was a principle that people stood by. And that is why no matter how strong the power of America, he still has to go with his cap in his hands and kow-tow to the people who have stood by their principles. Principles, you understand, and not compromisers like you. Therefore, Sir, I move this amendment to this motion by the Honourable the Chief Minister. Again I would stress I do not forfeit my rights to speak because I feel that this is a Bill that has not been properly thought of, and this House has a duty to the State and a duty to the people. It is not a question of increasing \$250/- for five years. The very most that people can say is: I hope you people get ousted or get out of Government or your term of office ends as soon as possible. Then after 5 years we do not have to pay you your increment anymore". Fair enough. But this is the case where for person who has not done service to his State, or who has done lousy service to his State will benefit. There are members saying they have done service, sacrifice in this State. What sacrifice? Look at yourself. You know what sacrifice you have made.

The Member from Bagan Ajam has already said some of you do not even visit your Constituencies or even stay in places where you are elected; some stay on the island

when they are elected, on the mainland. It is incumbent upon us to really demonstrate to the people of Penang that we have thoroughly considered this Bill and I see as the Bill stands, it has not been thoroughly considered. There are so many mistakes which we will find out consequently of your intention and a lot of other things, confusion, that is the key note of this Bill and I say that it is incumbent upon us to really demonstrate that when we do a thing like that for our self interest and particularly also for the self interest of the Honourable the Chief Minister and I see that people like the Honourable the Chief Minister should be guided by the spirit of the Constitution and the Rukun Negara; the Rukun Negara; because he should set an example of sacrifice to this State. He has talked so much of Rukun Negara, let's practice Rukun Negara here. It is immoral, Sir, to vote yourself increases, to vote yourself pensions, hoping that you escape from the writ of the people because many, I am sure, will never see the light of the Assembly but more so I would like to ask the Honourable the Chief Minister and those who are directly benefiting under this Bill to take note, Sir, of the provisions of the Constitution whereby it is set out that members who have an interest in these provisions or in any matter under deliberation will be able to behave and to conduct themselves in an honourable manner by abstaining from these deliberations, by abstaining from both, the spirit of the Constitution should be observed. This Bill, therefore, will not benefit us but it certainly will benefit the Honourable the Chief Minister, Number One, shall we say, beneficially or shall we say he will have struck the first prize lottery of the Penang Social Welfare or Elected Members of the State Assembly Lottery. He will have struck first prize because he is going to get all the benefit all round because he has got all the sections tied up, even Section 14. If you read you know, on this question of reckonable service. He is going to get it right up to 31st August 1957. All these things he is going to get, so I say he, as an interested party is in no

position to make a decision and in no position to tell us that this is a right Bill or is a wrong Bill. He should be prepared to accept my amendment to his motion, that this Bill be referred back to a Select Committee as I see that there is no case. I am not asking the Chief Minister now to wait 3 years. I know the health of people; both physical and political health may not last to 3 years. Perhaps after the adjournment I thought it over, perhaps the Chief Minister may not last 3 years, so perhaps he may be a bit liberal and just refer it to the Select Committee and I hope the Chief Minister will allow me to sit on it and if not even then exclude me if he thinks that I am too difficult for him in Committees as he has now left me out or will leave me out of the Public Accounts Committee because he is afraid that the D.A.P. will scrutinise the public accounts of this State, which we will. Sir, on another motion. He is afraid so he wants to keep us out. Fair enough, put other appointed members in. Let the public know at least that you are not doing these things in indecent haste, Sir, in indecent haste! You are not trying to rush this through because something may happen to our Ex-Co Members who may get sacked when the U.M.N.O. exerts greater pressure with its growing strength with the defections. Let's hope that the Honourable the Chief Minister will at least accept the motion, that this matter be referred back to the Select Committee and give this House a chance to examine the clauses, the principle behind this Bill, not merely on the basis of conformity, so that everything will be above board and I hope the Honourable the Chief Minister will be able to accept this amendment in the spirit that it is made.

Tuan Speaker: Ada siapa² sokong atas pindaan ini?

Ahli Kawasan Tanjong Bungah (Enche' Khoo Soo Giap): Tuan Speaker, dengan izin.

I rise to speak in support of the amended motion.

Tuan Speaker: Jadi sokong?

Ahli Kawasan Tanjong Bungah (Enche' Khoo Soo Giap): Ya.

Tuan Speaker: Dewan buka untuk berbehas. Awak sokong?

Ahli Kawasan Tanjong Bungah (Enche' Khoo Soo Giap): I rise to speak in support.

Tuan Speaker: Saya tidak dengar "kita sokong" lagi.

Ahli Kawasan Tanjong Bungah (Enche' Khoo Soo Giap): Saya sokong, Tuan Speaker (*ketawa*).

I think that by right, particularly, the Honourable the Chief Minister should support this amended motion by my colleague, as earlier in the speech in English which I followed he said that it had always been his practice ever since he went into politics to provide such voluntary service and such voluntary service had been always expected and for this Bill, Sir, we find that a special provision had been made for him for more than \$1,000 a month and if the Ketua Menteri had all the sincerity in what he said just now, he should stand up and support the amended motion. He went on that this Bill was introduced to provide incentive to professional people to participate and here we have the Honourable Member from Dhoby Ghaut standing up to say that this Bill will allow anybody from the commercial firms etc. to participate in this House to get elected and participate in this House. There is always a contradiction and what is more the hypocrisy behind it. While the Members of the Government benches wish to have their pensions and gratuities they blame others by telling this House now in front of everybody that this is the kind of Bill they introduce to provide incentives for others while behind the hidden words of the provisions the idea of introducing this Bill in this Assembly is to provide themselves with whatever they require so badly, pensions and gratuities, and they have not even taken into consideration the annual budget deficit that we have been facing in this State ever since the Gerakan came into

power. We have suffered a few million dollars' deficit in the first budget, and when we had the chance to debate in this Assembly the last budget we suffered another \$600,000 deficit. Had the Members in this House, particularly Members of the Government Benches, taken into consideration the repeated budget deficits in the State of Penang before they have the thought to introduce and hope to pass or bulldoze this Bill through. Is there any sincerity in working for the people of Penang? If there is, first and foremost they would have taken into consideration the budget deficit. I must say that there is no sincerity at all in working for the people of Penang, no matter how much the Ketua Menteri may say that it has been always the practice to provide voluntary service. If it has been his practice to provide voluntary service I say to the Honourable the Chief Minister here in this House that he should delete all those clauses that will provide him with all the gratuities and the pensions and that will demonstrate to the people at large in the State of Penang his sincerity or otherwise he will demonstrate to the people at large his hypocrisy.

In conclusion I would like to say that never in the history of Penang has so many people, 777,000 people in Penang, been held up and robbed in broad daylight by so few in the Government Benches.

Ketua Menteri: Tuan Yang di-Per-tua, saya minta izin berchakap dalam Bahasa Inggeris.

I won't waste the time of the House any further because this motion under Standing Order 75 is yet another attempt on the part of the Opposition to try to delay the passage of a straight-forward Bill. It is true that the Honourable Member from Kelawei with his usual venomous approach to matters will attempt even to be a trouble-maker. He makes peace in order to support his point, but the problem of conformity arises from the fact that the words of the Bill and the considerations of this Bill—the relationships of the Bill—have been taken

in relation with the Bill in general, as it was passed in Parliament, and with the Bills in the various States. That is the area of conformity. Of course, the Members of the Opposition will start twisting this as far as they like, but it obviously is clear that a Bill which had been considered in Parliament, passed in Parliament, and debated and passed by other States has already received considerable scrutiny as to its words and its implications. The other aspect of the statements made by the Honourable Member from Kelawei is, of course, to try to link the provisions of a Bill which is a legislative instrument to current personalities like myself, and he refers to my health; he refers to the danger that I might live too long. He also refers to the danger that perhaps I might live shorter than it need be.

Well, he indicated that perhaps it might be too expensive for me to live to 80. But I think myself, Mr Speaker, that this relationship of trying to tie up legislation to present incumbents of this House is a very bad precedent. Are we, for example, every time we refer to legislation of the House, to say—because it refers to Members of this House—i.e. the Member for Kelawei, i.e. the Member for Tanjong Bungah, Mr Speaker, Sir, it is this kind of little minds in operation that makes it difficult for the Government to assess the value or the quality of referring it to Select Committee; particularly a Select Committee including the Honourable Member for Kelawei, because his long-winded expose has been a repetition of many things that we have heard. We are quite immune now to all the terminology that he uses. He has found a few new ones copying things that we've said here, and twisting it around. But in general the basic purpose of his Motion is not well-intentioned. Nor is it anything else but just to delay the time of this House, and to try and prevent the passage. So I do not think any of the points being raised either by him or his colleague for Tanjong Bungah, deserve further consideration. And we should just go ahead with the Bill

proper. And he himself has indicated that he still has got very, many more things to talk about the Bills when it comes to the substantive Bill; which means that in this House we have every opportunity to discuss the merits and demerits of the Bill. If, for example, the Honourable Member for Kelawei considered that the Speaker should also be one of the persons included then he should come straight forward and say so, instead of casting doubts in the people's minds, trying to waste the time of the House.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Why was it cut out?

Ketua Menteri: For that reason, Mr Speaker, we on this side of the House would oppose the amendment.

Soalan di-kemukakan dan pindaan tidak di-persetujui.

Ahli Kawasan Tanjong Bungah (Enche' Khoo Soo Giap): Tuan Speaker, dengan izin: May I ask for a division?

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Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan
Enche' Khoo Soo Giap
Enche' Koay Boon Seng
Enche' V. Veerappen
Enche' Tan Phock Kin
Enche' Ong Yi How

TIDAK

Ketua Menteri
Enche' Teh Ewe Lim
Enche' Khoo Kay Por
Enche' Wong Choong Woh
Enche' S. P. Chelliah
Enche' Ismail bin Hashim
Enche' Ooi Ah Bee
Tuan Haji Ahmad bin Haji Abdullah
Enche' D. C. Stewart
Tuan Haji Mohamad Nor bin Haji Bakar
Enche' Khoo Teng Chye
Enche' Teoh Kooi Sneah
Tuan Haji Abdul Kadir bin Haji Hassan

TIDAK HADZIR

Enche' Abdul Rahman bin Haji Yunus

Enche' Mustapha bin Hussain

Enche' Ooh Chooi Cheng

Enche' Tan Ghim Hwa

Tuan Speaker: Mengikut keputusan Usul pindaan yang di-bawa oleh Yang Berhormat Ahli Kawasan Kelawei "On Second Reading the Bill be referred back to a Select Committee" ia-lah "Ya" dapat 6 undi; "Tidak" dapat 13; "Tidak Hadzir" 4. Oleh itu, pindaan ini tidak di-persetujui.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Tuan Speaker, Sir, it is a matter of great disappointment that such a simple matter can be rejected out of hand by the Government, because this makes things very difficult in this House. If we take the argument of the Honourable the Chief Minister that debates are being held to delay Bills then why convene the Assembly at all? Why? Why convene the Assembly at all? Let us just all come here and put the Bills in one basket, and just shout "Ya", and "Tidak", and go home. What are these procedures for if he thinks that Parliamentary procedure is so contemptible. He says the Opposition is trying to delay this Bill. We have every right to delay it. And it is offensive to the Speaker to say that. I hope the Honourable the Chief Minister will not further indulge in his old practice. It is obvious that not everybody, here Sir is happy with this Bill. Take the Member for Tanjong Tengah; he is not here. He does not want to get involved, perhaps. Perhaps he is not too sure about its acceptability with the people, so he is not here. Why is he not here on such an important Bill? He should be here. So not all things here are as rosy as we see today. So we would not like that not-so-bright spark from Sungei Pinang to stand up and say "repetition" and all the nonsense.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): You are the only bright spark here?

Tuan Speaker: Ahli Yang Berhormat, Ahli Yang Berhormat sudah berchakap panjang berkenaan itu, tidak payah di-ulang² sangat chuma. Saya benar berchakap sedikit sahaja. Tidak payah lagi-lah.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Tuan Speaker, if the Government is afraid of debate on this Bill let them say so to the public. Say so.

Sir, as I said earlier, the Chief Minister himself unwittingly, I would say, conceded to this House, you know, especially in reference to my point about the Speaker, that the omission that arises is only because we have taken this in relation to Parliament and the States. Yes, let us conform. I agree that in some things we must conform—things that are set out in the Constitution. The Constitution never said that you must pass this Bill. Let us conform in things that we think are right. But when you stake your whole life on conformity, because of what Parliament and the other states have done, then I think there is a question mark on your political sanity. The Chief Minister has no less than conceded, Sir, that we have introduced this Bill—"almost exactly", he says. I am not very sure about his wordings because the Chief Minister is very vague in everything that he says; when he is not sure of it, particularly. I do not know whether he is saying "not the same" or "almost not the same." Which is which, I do not know. And I'd invite him to clarify. But he would like to leave everything in a foggy situation, you know. He thinks he cannot be pinned down. But we will try to bell this mischievous cat. Sir, if he says we have taken this Bill *in toto* from Parliament and the other States—particularly the other States, *in toto*—then there is no reason why it must be further considered, because obviously you haven't taken it to suit the State of Penang. What is good for other States may not necessarily be good for the State of Penang. I do not know why the Chief Minister even accepts that kind of thinking. Or he wants to follow blindly to conform. Well, I would suggest one conformity the Chief

Minister could make; and perhaps in time to come will make. He should join the Alliance and conform. There is no case made up, Sir, for conformity. And I do not think that a person like the Chief Minister really appreciates that in matters concerning this State Assembly, parliamentary practice, because Penang has got one of the longest traditions of parliamentary democracy, we should lead. We should lead; not conform. We always say Penang should lead. Well, let us lead. Let us not conform blindly. But he is not able to lead the State of Penang. For that matter, as far as parliamentary practice in this House is concerned, we have seen that it is up to the whims and fancies of the Honourable the Chief Minister. For example, things that are done in this Assembly are just for public display—just show. He does not mean what he says. In the last Session I talked about the House Committee. He took it out. And then I raised the matter again with him in a private letter. He says O.K. He takes action. He forms a House Committee. Apparently a sort of interim House Committee has been formed, or will be formed. And yet no attempt—for example, in this proceedings in this House—has been made to consult the House Committee. For example, this morning all of a sudden at 11.30 we adjourned. And in the afternoon yesterday we adjourned at five o'clock. Now, today at a quarter to five we adjourned for tea. And tea should have been served at four o'clock. And it goes on; and we did not know. I for one would not mind. I can come here for the night. But the civil servants: They do not know; they have got children; they have got their food waiting for them. Do not "tchick, tchick". You want to be a lizzard also? (Ketawa) In these matters let us practise what we preach. That is what I am trying to impress on the Chief Minister. Let us practise what we preach. We must give the same consideration to the civil servants. If we do not think about ourselves, think of the civil servants. They have got families to go home to. Their children, their husbands,

may be waiting for their food. Or the wives may be waiting for their husbands. These are not even taken into consideration. Just go on. Nobody knows about it. Only God and the Chief Minister knows what time this session is going to end.

Tuan Speaker: Itu ia-lah kuasa saya. Itu-lah kuasa Speaker. Bukan siapa punya kuasa itu. Keputusan daripada saya.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche Yeap Ghim Guan): Tuan Speaker, I really appreciate you. (Ketawa) I say it in all sincerity. The three triangles is for the Gerakan; it is not for me.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S.P. Chelliah): It is not a triangle.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): It is for the Gerakan. Gerakan has got the three legs.

Ahli Kawasan Butterworth (Enche' Ooi Ah Bee): In all sincerity?

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S.P. Chelliah): It is a bribe.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Please stand up and speak. It is a free country. Do not just mutter.

I really appreciate you, Tuan Speaker. I mean it with all the sincerity that I can command. Why do I say that? Because you take upon yourself more than a single person should. You take all the responsibilities for everything that's done in your name. That I think is an injustice. A camel can carry a lot; but there could be a last straw. I feel that if you take all the responsibilities upon yourself that would be unfair to the public. The public would hear that the Speaker is unreasonable; he has cut this person out, cut that person out. But I have a feeling that the public should know that that is not so. The Speaker in principle is a very good man. And that is why I feel very sad, Sir, that this Bill hasn't even made a provision for the Speaker.

Let us lead, I say. The Honourable the Chief Minister says, "If the Member for Kelawei is sincere, why hasn't he introduced the amendment?" I would say that God only knows the number of amendments that we introduced which have been thrown out. As fast as they come in they got thrown out with this "naked power". Perhaps the Chief Minister needs to cover his "naked lack of power".

Sir, I only say that this Bill is a Bill which is untimely—at this juncture of Penang's economic decline. Those are the words we have to use—"economic decline". We cannot profit when the public are suffering. My friend has talked about the 2% surtax, 5% sales tax. And with the "good offices" of the Chief Minister we have the 4% surtax. I think that this is the wrong line. I know the Chief Minister. I believe, at least, the Chief Minister is very hardworking. He goes abroad. He goes to Indonesia; and he goes to Jakarta; and then he ends up in Bali. And if the Honourable the Chief Minister can be taken at his word—I do not know whether he can be taken at his word—when he left for Indonesia the first time he said, "I am on a 10-day tour". He says he goes for 10 days. He comes back; and then he goes again. He brings along all his chickens—five. I think five happy-go-lucky tourists. They are helping the tourist industry in Indonesia, I must say; not Penang. But he brings them along. And after the first trip he comes back; and he goes back again. Mind you, Sir, he said when he left, "I am going on a 10-days tour." Ten days! And he goes back again. Why? Is it so ill-planned? You never thought about what you are going to do. You so ill-planned your trip? No, the Chief Minister has got another answer—very clever answer. What did he say? He said that the boss of our friend from Bayan Lepas was coming. "The Prime Minister was coming; therefore I have to come back." That was the reason he gave to the Press. But that was, I would say, a total lie, because he said he went on a 10-day trip, and he returned. And if he wants

to go again don't use the Prime Minister as an excuse for going on a second trip to Indonesia. And I say that is a waste of money. If you have not finished whatever work you have to do, Sir, don't return by the next flight just because the Prime Minister is coming. We did vote for remuneration for Timbalan Ketua Menteri; he can take your place. Why did you return? This is a kind of money-wasting. That's why I say what the Chief Minister says is one thing; what he does is another. I ask the Chief Minister, if he sincerely believes that the economy in this State is in such a bad position, to cut out all this expenditure. Don't bring so many Members like the Member for Bayan Lepas, the Member for Tanjong Selatan, the Member for Tanjong Tengah. Don't take them all the way to Indonesia. You can go on your own. Even then, try and make one trip, and not two trips. Economy in this State, Sir, is in a very bad position. The people who are poor are very, very poor. And yet what example are we setting to them? We are voting again for ourselves this gratuity and pension. And I would say that we are not sure that in the next Sitting the Government is not going to introduce another Bill increasing the amount of money payable ex-gratia on the death of an Assemblyman in the course of his duty. We do not know. They may bring a Bill if the Alliance Government were to make further amendments. The Honourable the Chief Minister—if he is still a Chief Minister by then—will introduce another Bill—another item of expenditure to be incurred by the people. But is that fair? We have levied the people. My friend has said that has been a deficit in this State. There have been real deficits—don't shake your head—in this State. We have gone through our budget last year. The deficits are there. You have to impose quit rents, Sir. And yet you are freely spending those quit rents on yourselves—your salaries and your tours; your travelling allowances. You have been claiming thousands of dollars My God! Don't smile.

We have levied on the people. My friend has said there have been real deficits in this State. We have gone through our Budget last year. The deficits are there. Don't shake your head. The deficits are there. You have had to impose quit rents, Sir. And yet you are freely spending these quit rents on your salaries and on your tours; your travelling allowances. You have been claiming, my God, thousands of dollars. Don't smile. That is what you have been doing. So, is this the kind of sacrifice you are talking about? Do you impose quit rents so as to pay yourself this money? Ask yourself who comes first. The poor people or the elected representatives? Who comes first? Go and look at the Noordin Street Ghaut flats. Look at them. Look at how the people survive. Look at your poor hawkers—the hawkers that you oppressed; the hawkers from whom you went one day in 1971 and confiscated their push carts and everything. Look at those people. They are trying to earn a living; and you are voting yourself such large sums of money—the Chief Minister easily \$1,000. Look at all these things first. Who comes first—the State Assemblymen or the people? Who comes first? The Member for Bagan Ajam did ask one question which was relevant. If you had gone on the election platform in 1969 and talked about these things you wanted to include and vote for yourself before you came in you wouldn't have got elected.

Sir, I ask that the Chief Minister really consider that this Bill is untimely. He has talked about reality. We must be realistic. We must sometimes be, I think he said somewhere, unkind to be kind. Well, be unkind to yourself. You will be kind to the people. How much are your parking attendants paid, huh? \$58 or \$56 after deduction of Employees Provident Fund. And to make things worse that shows your anti-labour attitude. You say they are not employees. If they are not employees, why do they have to contribute to Employees Provident Fund? You have never answered that question. What do you think the poor parking attendants

getting this \$50, standing in the sun and rain, are thinking of? Let me tell this House that a parking attendant in a place like Alor Star where the cost of living is less—a rural area under the Alliance. I take off my hat to the Member for Bayan Lepas—at the very least is getting \$65. What are you paying your chaps? And they work the same hours. What are you giving your chaps? You are exploiting them. And yet you are sucking their blood in this Bill. You are sucking the blood of the people. You talked about revaluation of property in time to come. You are not able to give the date. You dare not give the date! I say that you are taxing the people on the one hand, and filling your pocket on the other. That is your brand of Gerakan Government. What do you call yourself now? Opportunists, socialists or what? So the Government is not able to sacrifice, whereas it perpetually goes and tells the people to sacrifice; make way for development; make way for industries.

Sir, the Government, particularly the Gerakan, and now the Coalition Government, is very fond of carrying out things that they never promised the people. What they promised the people they can never carry out. If you talk about the bridge—I hope I am not going to be ruled out of order again—he says, “akan datang”. If you talk about Road Transport Board that they promised he says, “akan datang”. If you talk about Hill Road, “akan datang”. Everything is “akan datang”. But what is going to happen for the present? Everything is in the future. You will take another few years to build the bridge. You look at Hong Kong. The permanent linkage in Hong Kong implemented Sir, in 1969; completed in July, 1972. The Hong Kong tunnel is ready.

I note that the Members and I have caught the hint from the speech of the Honourable Chief Minister. He has been so nice when he says, “Oh, I think that the trip to Indonesia has been, you know, an eye-opener”. So I hope that the time will come when we will be able to send the Honourable Speaker and other Members of the Assembly to go and have a look at

their legislature. Sir, I doubt if Indonesia has anything to teach us about Parliamentary democracy at the moment. If you want to show us an example of guided democracy we can go there. Is that what you are going to impose from time to time? But if you are going to teach us about Parliamentary democracy this is the last place. Maybe a grand tour of South East Asia, perhaps. We go to Hong Kong, eh? But if you Members of the Government are fortunate, as you will be—in fact I have just been to Hong Kong—just go and look at the linkage. It is ready already. They don't have a pre feasibility survey. They don't have a pre pre-feasibility survey. It is all ready. I do mean literally they have it. But they have already completed it. They do not use catch phrases to bluff the public.

Ahli Kawasan Bayan Lepas (Enche' Ismail bin Hashim): Fifty years of thinking on that one.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Fifty years given to you, you wouldn't be able to build it.

Ahli Kawasan Bayan Lepas (Enche' Ismail bin Hashim): You won't be here in fifty years' time.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): You won't be here at the next election.

Ahli Kawasan Bayan Lepas (Enche' Ismail bin Hashim): That is all your talk.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): The interruption is there, Mr Speaker; not here. I know I am always blamed. (*ketawa*).

So I think, Sir, that this Bill, although we have had our laugh, is an important Bill. Why is it important? It is important because of a principle. Even if the Chief Minister were getting less than \$1,000, it is a principle. Is it for good behaviour? Is it within the Rukunegara for us, the elected people, to come and vote ourselves this money unless we get some sort of mandate from the people? I suggest the Chief Minister holds a referendum

on whether we should have this pension. The Chief Minister says I am being personal. Again, this is a distortion, of course. It is the Bill only that I refer to him. I wasn't aware that I would be quite happy of the Honourable Chief Minister would enlighten me. Apart from the Members Remuneration (Amendment) Bill, have there been other Bills through which the Honourable Chief Minister has been getting a lot of benefits, that I am not aware of? Can he tell me? Maybe I have made a slip. I don't think there has been. Isn't it? But the fact is this Bill does give certain benefits to individuals. And how can you run from that? Or maybe I am wrong. You can run from that.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli Yang Berhormat, saya bagi amaran. Jangan-lah diulang². Banyak kali sangat Ahli Yang Berhormat selalu kata begitu. Saya pun sudah faham juga.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Tuan Speaker, there is a type of repetition which comes with examples. If you want to talk about repetition in the context under this (*gangguan*)

Tuan Speaker: Ahli Yang Berhormat, saya ada bagi saya punya ruling. Saya minta jangan-lah Ahli Yang Berhormat tunjok kepada saya. Saya tahu apa saya berchakap.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Mr Speaker, Sir, I think the definition of "repetition" if we get involved (*gangguan*)

Tuan Speaker: Ahli Yang Berhormat, saya sudah kata dua kali saya tidak benar Ahli Yang Berhormat tunjok kepada saya.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): We could go on like this the whole night, Mr Speaker, Sir. And the D.A.P. has a declared policy. We will fight this Bill every inch of the way—every comma and every fullstop. And I make that honest and earnest declaration.

Mr Speaker, Sir, I would just give a hint that I am coming to the close of my conclusion. But if there is further interruption we will go on because we have other points reserved for other procedures which will be adopted later. But I think that the Chief Minister, if he really, as I have said earlier, wishes to get out of a situation he says, every-time we debate the Bill, that the D.A.P. attitude is personal; "they bring up that the Chief Minister is benefiting from this so and so". Well, if I am speaking the truth I can't help it. The Member for Kota is going to gain \$1,000 from the Bill. The Member for Tanjong Barat will gain; the Member for Tanjong Utara will gain; the Member from Bayan Lepas will also gain, and so on. They will gain from this Bill. That is a fact. Why hide it? Why? Afraid of it being mentioned? But you can get out of it, Sir. I know what the Chief Minister means. He means that some Bills have to be passed; and even if it benefits certain people who shouldn't benefit. If the Bill is right we should pass it. Agreed. But there is a remedy, Sir. It is nothing new. It is part of a remedy. The Honourable Chief Minister is rich enough. He comes from a very rich background; very rich. He can forego this. Show an example to this State Forego Section 5. I challenge him to forego Section 5. Forego the \$1,000. Make a public declaration here that "I, Lim Chong Eu, as the Chief Minister of Penang, will forego Section 5. I will forego my \$1,000 a month". Make that declaration if you dare—"I will not take it. Some other person who succeeds in that Chair may be entitled to it. But I, Lim Chong Eu, am rich enough not to take it" "I have", as he had said, Sir, "dedicated myself to politics; fought with the idea that politics is not for gain." Fair enough. Make this declaration that you will not take the remuneration as provided for by section 5: "Lim Chong Eu will not take the \$1,000 per month". And I might say, Sir, that he may recover some of the dignity and some of the name he had before the last Election. I concede he had. He said the Member for Bagan Ajam was a great champion for the

Chinese language. He said it. Those are his words. But I wonder if he was not also the champion. Perhaps I have to amend my words. He was; and he is an ex-champion.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): Tuan Yang di-Pertua, saya minta izin berucap di-dalam Bahasa Inggeris sedikit di-atas Bil ini.

Mr Speaker, Sir, this House has been listening to the attacks levelled at the Government for introducing this Bill. At the last Assembly, when the Assemblymen's Remuneration Bill was passed, similarly Members of the Opposition attacked purely on principle. And when the Government posed them a question they talked of principle. And if they are people of sincere intentions, if they fully honour what they are saying here, preaching to themselves to follow, then they should not accept the increase of the remuneration.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Old arguments.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): Yes, I am repeating, just to prove how principled you are.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Apa ulang² Tidak ada modal.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): I am citing an example, Mr Speaker, Sir. So likewise here in this Bill the Members of the Opposition (gangguan)

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Apa chakap ini "likewise"?

Tuan Speaker: Saya harap jangan di-ganggu. Don't overdo it.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): You have had your say. Why don't you listen? You sakit pula. I have seen you. You don't behave as the Leader of the Opposition.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Your opinions do not come from Members.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): Likewise your opinions, you see, cannot also concern us.

Mr Speaker, Sir one member—I think the Member for Tanjong Bungah—said this pension is too little for professional people. But I would like to remind this House that politics are not for professional people. Professional people are already making enough money. They are taking politics as (gangguan)

Ahli Kawasan Tanjong Bungah (Enche' Khoo Soo Giap): Saya minta izin. Mr Speaker, Sir, on a point of clarification. I said that it may be argued that gratuity and pension are to provide incentive to perhaps professional people. It may be argued so.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): They never listen.

Ahli Kawasan Tanjong Bungah (Enche' Khoo Soo Giap): And I would suggest to you that the Honourable Members from the Government benches please open or dig their ears if they have ears.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Do they have ears to dig?

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): Mr Speaker, Sir, we have ears. We don't dig because we don't have any dirt. But the Opposition Members have dirt in their ears. So, whatever we said they did not listen to.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): When was the last time you said?

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): When? At last Assembly Meeting the same thing happened; and the Member for Tanjong Bungah, when I was referring to his quotation, said, "I didn't speak like that". On the point of clarification he suggested something else. This has been the habit. We know their tricks, their game, and their tactics, Sir.

We feel on the Government side that this Pensions Bill is not only an incentive. I think some of you may not agree with the word "incentive" because it is too little. But this Bill

sets a lead for the common people who have some sense of responsibility towards the State and to society. It is not only professionals like lawyers who have a sense of responsibility to the State. They will participate in politics so that they can contribute ideas for the well-being of the State as a whole.

And I think many of the Members suggested that it will only benefit certain Members of the Government benches. We agreed that according to the Bill this is going to be of benefit. But why does a person like me who is not entitled for benefit through this Bill support this Bill?

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): You will benefit. We, probably no. Don't say you don't benefit.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): Yes, I know. But under another clause.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Good, good.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): Section 3, sub-section (2). So we know this gimmick of section, sub-section and all of these.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): You know it is a gimmick?

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): Ya. (*ketawa*). Your word is a gimmick, you know. So this is not going to directly benefit all the Members, you must understand. And why do we support it? It is simply because we have the confidence that the people will support the Government. And those who are not entitled for this benefit this year or immediately after the Bill is passed because they have not completed 9 years after the next elections they will benefit and they will be returned by these people. I am only interested in one thing, Mr Speaker, Sir.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Yes, money. (*ketawa*)

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): This is the sort of interruption introduced by the Honour-

able Member for Kelawei, the leader of the Opposition, who knows about the decorum, parliamentary democracy (*gangguan*)

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Pardon?

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): You are being stupid, you know. (*ketawa*)

Tuan Speaker: Don't overdo it, Ahli dari Kelawei.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): If you can't stand, you can please go out and listen to the loudspeaker. You can hear it from there.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Oh, we can stand. We want to enjoy it.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): When we talk "apa pasil sakit. Mana sakit kita pun ta' tahu. (*ketawa*)

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Chari doktor.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): Bagi satu injection baru lu tahu.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Don't practise medicine without a licence.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): You have been practising law, we know, at wrong places.

Mr Speaker, Sir, on the legislative Assemblymen's Remuneration Bill they said: "No, no, the D.A.P. will oppose in principle". But they will accept the money. (*ketawa*).

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Objection, Mr Speaker, Sir. Misrepresentation. I challenge the speaker to bring the records of this House (*gangguan*)

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): Mr Speaker, Sir, I am not giving way.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Accept the challenge like a man.

Tuan Speaker: Sila duduk.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): The D.A.P. said that.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): You have never even moved an amendment.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Kelawai kalau hendak berchakap minta kebenaran saya terlebih dahulu.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): When the question was posed by him he said, "Oh no, he will accept the money and send it to the Democratic Socialist Trust Fund".

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): We have done that. Ask the Chief Minister. We have done that.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Kelawai (*gangguan*).

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): Likewise it is purely on principle. If you object to something you should not accept.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Tuan Speaker, I know you want to rule me out, but I think we want the truth in this House.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): Tuan Speaker, I am not giving way.

They can say that they are sending this money to the Democratic Socialist Trust Fund. After this pension also they will say they are sending it to the Asia Pacific Socialist Union Fund. This sort of gimmick, we know. If you are sincere then you will not accept. That is fair enough. That is gentleman. Don't say, "We oppose but we will send this money to somewhere else". Why should you send this money to somewhere else?

Tuan Speaker: Ahli Yang Berhormat saya tidak benarkan keluar daripada yang di-bahathkan.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Pinang (Enche' S. P. Chelliah): Terima kaseh, Tuan.

Some members, we know, for instance the Member for Bagan Ajam has said earlier that he is a bankrupt. Even though he has the principle to say that he will vote against the Bill. But I

expect to see somebody who is a bankrupt who will ask for money. But here it is a case entirely otherwise. And I think we should appreciate him. And I think that even though he is returned at the next elections he will not ask for this benefit when he retires. So the House is now concerned not with the outward conduct of the Opposition Members but their inward intentions. We know their inward intentions. They will oppose anything brought up here by the Government. But whatever the benefits can be derived through the passage of this Bill they will accept indirectly. So this is mere political hypocrisy, Mr Speaker. And Government will not be thumbed down by this sort of dirty tactics in this House and I strongly support this Bill.

Ketua Menteri: Tuan Yang Dipertua, saya minta izin berchakap dalam Bahasa Inggeris.

Mr Speaker, Sir, we have taken a long time to debate this Bill and apparently from the statement made by the Honourable Member from Kelawai he is still going to spend a long time over the commas and the full stops and the sentences and the clauses of this Bill. As I said the observations on the two proposed amendments didn't carry very much substance except that it indicated the desire to obstruct and delay the passage of this Bill. If we set aside all the verbiage which emanated from the Honourable Member for Kelawai and he has this capacity to say a lot of things and mean nothing. And he has also this capacity to insinuate a lot of things in the process of dealing with a straightforward Bill. His style is well known, I mean syllogism. I can use his style and say, "the Honourable Member for Kelawai is like a person who fishes in troubled waters and therefore he should jump in the water and drown in the water"—that type of dramatic attitude. "The Honourable Member for Kelawai who drives by motor-car would drive out of line to have the Road Safety Council stop him". So you see that is irrelevant attitude, bringing in a lot of things, really relating to nothing because: What do we assess from the debate that has taken place? Forget all the talks.

The Honourable Member from Tasek Glugor has said that he generally agrees with the principle. The Honourable from Tanjong Bungah used the word 'untimely'. He used the word 'untimely', something about 4 o'clock or quarter to four. If the Honourable Member from Kelawai has to take 2½ years, I mean hours (gangguan)

Ahli Kawasan Kelawai (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Years, eh?

Ketua Menteri: Very nearly years, because if we allowed you the time (gangguan)

Ahli Kawasan Kelawai (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): You better have your head examined.

Ketua Menteri: you would go on talking for years. I mean that is your only capacity—that you go on talking, talking. And that you like to hear your own voice. And if it were not for the fact that we have some work to go on and the time were given you and as you said only one year (gangguan).

Ahli Kawasan Kelawai (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): No need to blackmail lah.

Ketua Menteri: No, I am not going to be blackmailed by you. So after 2½ years he goes to the same word. And even then there is a discrepancy within the party ranks. The Honourable Member from Jelutong came forward with what I said, short straightforward opinion. His party opposed this Bill because he didn't think it was fair and so we have a situation where one end of the Opposition says it is not unreasonable, another end says it is not bad but untimely. And the Honourable from Sungei Bakap says it may be desirable. In consequence we do see that the Members of the Opposition do not really have very strong views on this matter. They wax rich (gangguan)

Ahli Kawasan Kelawai (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): We are not Coalition and we don't sign blank letters or follow blindly.

Ketua Menteri: It is not a question of Coalition or otherwise. You don't have very strong views. In actual fact you just oppose the Bill for the sake of opposing and of showing that you are capable of doing some opposition. Although in the case of the Honourable Member from Kelawei, I think he is motivated largely to hear his own voice. Whether it is opposition or otherwise is beside the point. And also he has a great affinity towards me. Everytime he sees me he gives me a lot of things to talk about but that, of course, is frivolous. The Honourable Member for Bagan Ajam talks about conformity, in actual fact he was not very worried about the economic situation to state timely or otherwise. He even suggested we should give more. We should give free house, furniture, to all Assemblymen. So, Mr Speaker, Sir, the Members of the Opposition don't seem to know what exactly they are trying to represent but in the minds of the Members of the Government, they consider that this Bill is a legitimate Bill. It is a Bill which carries no hidden implications. It is a Bill which has been adopted, as I said, elsewhere. And throughout the country there is a growing and actual acceptance of the idea particularly after the tribulations of 1969 that we must lay the groundwork for a proper political sector in our society. That is to say those people who wish to participate actively in politics and involve themselves in this work, of dedicating themselves to the service of the people should be taken care of and legislation should be provided to ensure that the political sector in our country should be given a proper security under the minimum terms that we can afford. I mean, we would wish to do more. We can give a house if necessary. That is a good suggestion.

Abli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): One moment you said it was ridiculous. Now you say it is a good idea. What is wrong with you?

Tuan Speaker: Jangan ganggu bila sa-suatu orang berchakap.

Ketua Menteri: You see, the Honourable Member from Kelawei challenged my Honourable friend from Sungei Pinang because he does not hear. When did I say that he was ridiculous? At what point was this word used? So the Honourable Member from Kelawei should understand what he himself said. He is not the only man participating in this House. Amongst the Honourable Members in this House we all accept the fact that the one man who is really proud of his cleverness, the proudest man of his cleverness, the one man who is so sure of himself and his ability to represent himself is the Honourable Member from Kelawei. There is no question that the Honourable Member in this House who most likes to hear his own voice is the Honourable Member from Kelawei. That we accept. We concede that but that does not necessarily mean that he is doing service to his constituents. Nor does it mean that his constituents are going to elect him the next time. It does not necessarily mean that he is going to be here at the next Session of the House. All his type of gambits are known. But basically, when you come down to it, the Opposition has not raised any matter seriously against the desirability of having a proper legislative framework to provide for a suitable political sector in our society. This is the main fault. If anything at all, arguments made by the Members of the Opposition which touch closely a point of sensible debate on this question that it was untimely because of the economic crisis, economic decline in the State, here again we beg to differ. It is only natural that the Members of the Opposition will talk about the decline, crisis, State going bankrupt, and so on. And we beg to differ, because we on this side of the House consider that there is pick-up in the economy of the State and the up-take in the State, the thrust forward towards our economy, is such that we can deal with this type of Bill at this stage.

From the point of priorities, that is the other major point raised. The Honourable Member from Ayer Itam

took me to task somewhat on this question of priorities. I have lost sight of priorities. And I admit that he had some debating point, but in actual fact the priority of this Bill, as he himself knows, is presented in a manner as is submitted to the Speaker. And the Speaker sends down to the Government and the Government accepts it. The Government could very well have used a simple trick and just say: Put this Bill as the last seven or six Bills that we are going to present in the House. And then we say: Well, we have taken care of priority. We could have just said: We will wait until the next meeting of this assembly. And take it at the next meeting of the Assembly and take care of priorities. However, we are honest enough and we know where we stand with regard to the electorate. We know what the electorate's view is. We know that the electorate is passing through a hard time. We know that the whole State is passing through a hard time. And we know that we all must work very hard if we are going to break through all the shackles that have held us back in the past. That we understand. With all these in consideration, we don't think that the priorities are wrong. And we have presented it as such. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I consider that the points raised by the Honourable Members don't really merit serious consideration because they have not really touched upon any issues contained in this Bill. Even, for example, the one detail that was brought up about yourself, Mr. Speaker—that the poor Mr. Speaker is left out—because in our Assembly the Speaker is also a Member of the Assembly and as such I suppose the Speaker also qualifies, unless the Honourable Member says: Oh, the Speaker is completely left out.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Are you also not a Member? Why the special provision for you?

Ketua Menteri: So, Mr Speaker, the Honourable Member from Kelawei likes all his questions to be answered but he has to learn that if he asks stupid questions they will not be answered;

but if he asks proper questions they will be answered. As a matter of fact I have noted down this particular point which I thought was relevant—this special reference to the Chief Minister and the Ex. Co. Members of the Executive Council—has special reference because within our own Constitution there is special provision for this category of membership within this House. And as he said in conformity with the legal drafting, the substance of the drafting of similar Bills in Parliament and in other States, we have followed the letter and the substance of similar Bills elsewhere. So this is not a Bill which was written specifically by the Chief Minister for himself or by the Ex. Co. Members for themselves. But this is in actual fact a Bill that was drafted in the proper manner, as I have said, principally in accordance with our belief that at this stage of our development as a State and as a nation, we must have a properly organised political sector if we are going to have the country running securely and well.

Soalan di-kemukakan dan di-per-setujui.

Ahli Kawasan Tanjong Bungah (Enche' Khoo Soo Giap): Tuan Speaker, saya minta division.

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Ketua Menteri

Enche' Teh Ewe Lim

Enche' Khoo Kay Por

Enche' Wong Choong Woh

Enche' S.P. Chelliah

Enche' Ismail bin Hashim

Enche' Ooi Ah Bee

Tuan Haji Ahmad bin Haji Abdullah

Enche' D.C. Stewart

Tuan Haji Mohamad Nor bin Haji Bakar

Enche' Khoo Teng Chye

Enche' Teoh Kooi Sneah

Tuan Haji Abdul Kadir bin Haji Hassan

Enche' Mustapha bin Hussain.

TIDAK

Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan
 Enche' Khoo Soo Giap
 Enche' Koay Boon Seng
 Enche' V. Veerappen
 Enche' Tan Phock Kin
 Enche' Ong Yi How

TIDAK MENGUNDI

Enche' Abdul Rahman bin Haji Yunus.

TIDAK HADZIR

Enche' Ooh Chooi Cheng
 Enche' Tan Gim Hwa

Tuan Speaker: Mengikut keputusan undi, "ya" 14, "tidak" 6, "tidak mengundi" 1 dan "tidak hadzir" 2. Oleh itu "Ya" lebih banyak.

Rang Undang² Di-bachakan Bagi Kali Yang Kedua.

Rang Undang² Di-dalam Jawatan-kuasa.

Dewan bersidang sa-bagai Jawatan-kuasa.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Tuan Speaker, saya minta kebenaran berchakap dalam Bahasa Inggeris.

Tuan Speaker, I would like to move an amendment to section 2 of the Bill under Order 63 of the Standing Orders which reads:

"(1) Amendments may be made to clauses, or clauses may be deleted or new clauses may be added provided they are relevant to the subject matter of the Bill and otherwise in conformity with the Standing Orders."

The Standing Order on this point says—and it is under Standing Order 66 (1)—

"An amendment must comply with the following conditions—

- (a) an amendment must be relevant to the subject matter of the Bill, and to the subject matter of the clause to which it relates;
- (b) an amendment must not be inconsistent with any previous decision of the Committee;"

There has been no previous form of decision in this case.

"(c) an amendment must not be such as to make the clause which it proposes to amend unintelligible or ungrammatical;

(d) if an amendment refers to, or is not intelligible without, a subsequent amendment or schedule, notice of the subsequent amendment or schedule must be given before, or when, the first amendment is moved so as to make the series of amendments intelligible;

(e) an amendment which proposes to omit the whole substance of a clause for the purpose of inserting different provisions is irregular. The proper course is to negative the clause and propose a new one in its place."

And sub-clause (2):

"The Speaker may refuse to propose an amendment which is, in his opinion, frivolous."

So I claim my right to move this amendment. I think I had better put it in two parts—the amendment to Clause 2.

Ahli Kawasan Bayan Lepas (Enche' Ismail bin Hashim): We are now in clause 1.

Ahli Kawasan Kelawei (Enche' Yeap Ghim Guan): Then we will defer this amendment to clause 2.

Fasal 1 menjadi sa-bahagian daripada Rang Undang².

USUL DI-BAWAH PER-
ATORAN MESHUARAT 9.

Ahli Kawasan Ayer Itam (Enche' Tan Phock Kin): Mr Speaker, Sir, before we go on I would like to move a Motion under Standing Order 9 for the adjournment of the House.

If we are to discuss any Bill or any matters intelligibly I think we should have a break. We have been sitting here in the House from 2.30 until 7 o'clock. I know that unless we have a majority, and the Speaker agrees, my Motion cannot be carried. But I appeal to the good sense of Members here, particularly in the Government, to support my Motion because you cannot expect a man to work intelligently for long hours without a break. And if you are going to discuss this Bill intelligently I think there will be quite a number of points to be brought up by Honourable

Members from both sides of the House. And in that respect I would move that the House be adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9.30 a.m.

Ahli Kawasan Sungei Bakap (Enche' V. Veerappen): I second the Motion.

Ketua Menteri: Tuan Speaker, saya minta izin berchakap dalam Bahasa Inggeris.

I had not raised this matter because you yourself indicated to the House that you decide the time. I would like

to associate ourselves with the proposal, with the amendment that the House be adjourned until Monday, in the morning. Is the Member for Ayer Itam agreeable?

Ahli Kawasan Ayer Itam (Enche' Tan Phock Kin): Well, I agree with the amendment.

Soalan di-kemukakan dan di-perse-tujui.

Dewan di-tanggohkan pada jam 6.55 petang hingga 12hb Jun, 1972, jam 9.30 pagi.