

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): I will deal with it now. The honourable senator wishes to know about the superannuation or retirement benefits for senators who are not appointed for life.

These remarks do not apply to anybody in the Senate at this time. When a new senator is appointed he will contribute, as is the case of the members in the other place, to a pension fund. When he retires or dies he or his estate will have an entitlement based upon the contributions he has made to that fund. That entitlement will be on the same basis as the entitlement of members of the other place.

Hon. Mr. Pouliot: My question was not at all in regard to future appointments. It was in regard to all of us. I want to know if any senator who presently sits in the

Senate will have a limitation of time in which to make his choice for a pension. If there is no limitation of time, we should know about it.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): I am sorry. I realize now that the honourable senator is asking about the right of senators with the life tenure to apply for the annuity. As the legislation stands now, I think there is no limitation. I think all honourable senators with a life tenure have an option to apply, if they meet the other conditions of the act.

Hon. Mr. Pouliot: At any time?

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): Yes.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.