

Dr. DAVIDSON: Mr. Chatterton, of course, it would be possible, but it would be possible only by increasing the expenditures, and making an additional charge against the Public Service Superannuation Fund, because there would not be anywhere else to charge them. This would, in however a minimal way, upset whatever actuarial balance there is in the—

Mr. CHATTERTON: That would apply if you leave the survivor benefits in the P.S.S.A. as they are, but if, on the other hand, you reduce the outflow from the P.S.S.A. by reducing the survivor benefits once the C.P.P. survivor benefits apply, then you could have equalized demand on the P.S.S.A.

Dr. DAVIDSON: The point is that after 1968 when the survivor benefits of the Canada Pension Plan come into effect it is not intended to reduce the survivor benefit under the P.S.S.A. Therefore, there is no recovery. Unless one were to consider a compensatory reduction in the survivor benefit under the P.S.S.A. after 1968 to pay additional benefits in the two-year period, and thus maintain a balance in the fund, one could not achieve your purpose without increasing the charges on the Public Service Superannuation Fund. Rightly or wrongly, I think the assumption made by those who worked on it that it would not be desirable to shave or reduce the Public Service Superannuation survivor benefits past 1968 for a host of future survivors merely to meet a transitional situation in respect of the years 1966 and 1967. That decision could well have gone another way, but this was the rationale of the particular decision.

Mr. KNOWLES: Would not Dr. Davidson's suggestion have the effect of giving to civil servants between now and 1968 disability benefits from the C.P.P. that other people do not get out of the C.P.P.?

Dr. DAVIDSON: Survivor benefits?

Mr. KNOWLES: Yes. I am concerned with the fact that civil servants keep all the benefits that the Canada Pension Plan was supposed to provide, but are not asking for any special ones.

(Translation)

Mr. CARON: Could we come back to clause 6, or can we discuss it elsewhere? I see in clause 6—

Dr. DAVIDSON: What page, Mr. Caron?

Mr. CARON: On page 9 at the bottom in French; in English, I believe it is page 8, sub-paragraph 2. Could we have an explanation on this part covering re-imbusement of a pension paid in error? Can the amount be recouped in a lump sum, or can it be obtained in instalments so as to avoid the retention of the whole salary?

Dr. DAVIDSON: In instalments.

Mr. CARON: How many? In what proportion?

Dr. DAVIDSON: I do not know. That would depend on the amount of his payments.

Mr. CARON: Yes, but is there not a proportion, a percentage?