

Commissioner Tagliabue was in Houston today speaking at the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. NFL Network was there and interviewed the commissioner, who also held a press conference. Here is what he said about possible retirement on NFL Network --

NFL Network: Looking ahead now Commissioner, the speculation in the last 24 hours is that the end might come this spring for you as far as your tenure. Can you talk about your short-term future here at the NFL?

Commissioner: It is speculation because I haven't focused on the future. A couple of years ago when I extended my contract, we did have discussion -- myself and half a dozen owners -- about a timeline but most of the focus was on trying to ensure that there was a well-structured succession plan in place or a transition process. In '89 when Pete Rozelle retired, it was very protracted and fractious and in 1960 after Bert Bell's death, it was very protracted and fractious and we all feel that we should be smart enough to do this in a seamless way. So we did have those conversations, but I have been so busy in the last few months I don't even know what city I am in, much less what I want to do in the next couple of years.