

## **The Appointment of Jean T. Fournier**

On February 22, 2005, the Honourable Jack Austin, then Leader of the Government in the Senate and the Honourable Noël Kinsella, then Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, introduced a motion asking the Senate to approve the appointment of Jean T. Fournier as the first Senate Ethics Officer.

The motion read: “That in accordance with section 20.1 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, Chapter P-1 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1985, the Senate approve the appointment of Jean T. Fournier, of Ottawa, Ontario, as Senate Ethics Officer for a term of seven years”.

On February 24, 2005, the motion was debated in Committee of the Whole, at which time Mr. Fournier appeared as a witness. The motion was adopted by the Senate that same day and, on February 25, 2005, the Governor in Council made the appointment. Mr. Fournier assumed his duties on April 1, 2005.