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My appreciation and congratulations go to all who made it happen, and in particular to those organizers called the Fredericton Civic Pride who took the initiative.

The toast was to Canada, this magnificent country we all adore.

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LUBICON CREE NATION

Mr. Ross Harvey (Edmonton East): Mr. Speaker, in 1984 the Canadian Council of Churches sent an observer delegation to Little Buffalo Lake in north-central Alberta. Their mission was to investigate and report on the living conditions and treatment by Canadian governments of the people of the Lubicon Cree Nation.

It was this delegation that first applied the term genocidal to the situation they found. It was this delegation that first drew the attention of the world to the destruction of the Lubicon people's traditional way of life and the ongoing refusal of Canadian governments to deal fairly with them.

Last Thursday, eight years later, a second Canadian Council of Churches delegation travelled to Little Buffalo Lake. Their conclusions? If anything, things have become worse and government intransigence more calamitous. Death and disease run rampant. The very spirit of the people is being ground to dust.

This ugly stain on Canada's record must be removed. The Canadian government must begin real negotiations with the Lubicon Nation, in good faith and starting with a detailed point-by-point response to the Lubicon's 1989 draft settlement offer.

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NATIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE WEEK

Mrs. Marlene Catterall (Ottawa West): Mr. Speaker, this week, June 14 to 20, is the first ever National Public Service Week in Canada. I want to take this opportunity to pay particular tribute to the outstanding team of men

and women who were Canada's negotiating team for the earth summit on environment and development in Rio.

The tireless dedication of these Public Service employees over two years has earned Canada the respect and admiration of the entire world in the struggle to stop the devastation of our environment. But behind our team stood an army supporting them every step of the way on the road to Rio. Just as important, every day hundreds of thousands of Public Service employees work without recognition to provide us with clean air, clean water, safe food, good health care, help for the needy and all the qualities of life that we call Canadian.

I pay tribute to them all, recognized or not, in public and thank them all for their contribution to Canada.

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FOETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME

Mr. Stan Wilbee (Delta): Mr. Speaker, the subcommittee on health issues tabled its report today on the very serious issue of foetal alcohol syndrome and its effects. The report contained numerous recommendations for better education and better preventive measures in order that the people of Canada might become increasingly aware of the danger involved in consuming alcohol during pregnancy.

I stood in this House on several occasions and discussed the gruesome details of the possible results for Canadian children who are born with this disability. The key is in prevention. This disease is fully preventable yet completely incurable.

That is why I congratulate the Minister of National Health and Welfare for his quick reaction to the report's recommendations. Two hours after the report was released, the minister announced a four-part plan to implement some of the committee's recommendations immediately. One step that the minister is prepared to take now is a pilot program to label alcohol beverage containers in several Canadian provinces.

While I am extremely pleased with the minister's quick response, I would also encourage him to study the committee's report in depth and take further steps to see