



Hon. Rob Merrifield, P.C., M.P.

Member of Parliament, Chair of the International Trade Committee

The Honourable Rob Merrifield was first elected to the House of Commons in 2000 and was re-elected in 2004, 2006, 2008, and 2011 as the Member of Parliament for Yellowhead. On October 30, 2008, Prime Minister Stephen Harper asked Rob to serve as Minister of State for Transport. Prior to his Ministerial posting, Rob served as the Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee for Finance and the Chair of the Canada-US Interparliamentary Association. He had previously served on the Health Committee in many capacities including Chair, Official Opposition Senior Health Critic and Vice-Chair. Rob is currently the Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on International Trade and a member on the Board of Internal Economy, which is the governing body of the House of Commons.

Rob was raised on a dairy farm outside of Whitecourt, Alberta. After meeting his wife Brenda at college, he took over the family farm. He has since passed most of the farm's operations onto his son Chad, but he still finds time during the harvest season to hop on a combine.

Rob and Brenda enjoy spending time with their two sons, two daughters-in-law and five grandchildren.