David Kilgour
Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa)

David Kilgour was born in Winnipeg on Feb. 18, 1941. He earned an economics degree from the University of Manitoba and, in 1966, a law degree from the University of Toronto. He later studied constitutional law at the University of Paris and has been called to the bars of British Columbia, Manitoba and Alberta.

Prior to entering politics, Mr. Kilgour was an assistant city prosecutor in Vancouver, a senior advisory counsel for the Department of Justice in Ottawa, Chief Crown Attorney for the Dauphin Judicial District in Manitoba, a senior agent of the Alberta Attorney General; and a constitutional advisor to the Government of Alberta.

Mr. Kilgour was first elected to the House of Commons in 1979 as the member for the Alberta riding of Edmonton–Strathcona. He was re-elected in 1980 and 1984. He was elected in the riding of Edmonton Southeast in 1988, 1993 and 1997.

Mr. Kilgour has served as parliamentary secretary to the Government House Leader, to the Minister of External Relations, to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, and to the Minister of Transport.

In January 1991, Mr. Kilgour was appointed Opposition energy critic. In 1994, he was appointed deputy speaker of the House of Commons and chairman of the Committee of the Whole House. He was sworn in as a member of the Privy Council and Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) on June 11, 1997.

Mr. Kilgour married Laura Scott in 1974. They have four children.