



CANADA

## HOUSE OF COMMONS DEBATES

PRESENTATION OF PETITION

May 3, 2000

### LEIF ERICSSON DAY

**Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby-Douglas, NDP):**

Mr. Speaker, I have the honour today to present two petitions. The first petition is one which calls on the government to recognize that based on historical fact this year 2000 we celebrate the arrival of Leif Ericsson to Canada 1,000 years ago. It calls for the House of Commons to recognize the 1,000th anniversary of this voyage from Europe to North America. Having a designated day to remember and celebrate the importance of this occasion, the petitioners note, will be a great opportunity and benefit for our children to learn more about it in schools and libraries and for the rest of us who appreciate such events in our country's history.

Therefore, the petitioners call on parliament to consider the designation of such a day starting this year 2000. It will be quite a loss in the history of Canada to go through the year 2000 without recognizing such an important occasion as Leif Ericsson's voyage to Canada. I note that the petition has over 100 signatures mainly from the Scandinavian Centre in Burnaby collected by Celeste Wiberg.

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