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THE First Session of the Thirtieth Parliament of New Zealand was on the 25th day of September opened by Commissioners under the authority of Letters Patent, and His Excellency was this day pleased to made the following statement of the causes of the calling of this Session of Parliament together:—

HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

In the last few days the British peoples have learned with feelings of profound sorrow of the deterioration in the health of our beloved Sovereign, His Majesty King George VI, and of the serious operation His Majesty has undergone. At the request of my Prime Minister I have conveyed to Their Majesties the King and Queen the deep sympathy of the Government and people of New Zealand and the assurances of their loyalty and devotion. As we anxiously await further news it is the earnest hope and devout prayer of all his loyal subjects that His Majesty's condition may soon respond to medical treatment and thus remove the heartfelt anxiety which is, I am sure, felt throughout the world.

Since I opened the last Parliament less than three months ago, there has been a dissolution followed by a general election. My Ministers therefore desire that I should place on record the reasons which impelled the Government to follow this course, and to seek a fresh mandate from the people when less than two years of the normal term of Parliament had expired.

At the beginning of the year, a matter affecting wages in the waterfront industry was seized upon by the watersiders as an opportunity for a trial of strength with the democratically-elected Government.