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THE Fourth Session of the Thirty-third Parliament of New Zealand was this day opened by the Governor-General, when His Excellency was pleased to make the following statement of the causes of the calling of this session of Parliament together:

HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

It is with a deep sense of gratitude and affection that the people of New Zealand recall the visit last February of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh. The Royal visitors undertook an intensive and varied programme, including the memorable occasion on which the Queen opened the Third Session of this Parliament. The enthusiasm of the welcome everywhere extended to Her Majesty and His Royal Highness again demonstrated the deep and abiding loyalty in which the Sovereign is held by the New Zealand people, both European and Maori, and the strength of their attachment to the Commonwealth of which She is Head.

In accordance with the resolution adopted by the House at the Third Session, my Government will introduce a Bill to establish the Queen Elizabeth the Second Arts Council of New Zealand as the nation's commemoration of the Royal visit.

It was a great privilege for me to welcome Her Majesty to New Zealand so soon after my appointment as Her representative in this country. On this my first opportunity of addressing you in Parliament assembled, I declare how deeply sensible I am of the honour thus conferred upon me. I will endeavour with my whole heart faithfully to serve Her Majesty The Queen, and the people whom you represent. I am already encouraged so to do by the warmth of the welcome which has been extended to my wife and myself by people all over New Zealand, and especially in those parts of the country which we have already been able to visit since our arrival last November. I pray that during my period of office I may be enabled to make some contribution to the further advancement of New Zealand, and to the welfare of its people.