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THE First Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament of New Zealand was this day opened by Her Majesty the Queen, when Her Majesty 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

I am very glad to be once more among the elected representatives of the people of New Zealand and to exercise my prerogative of opening the First Session of this Thirty-sixth Parliament.

My husband and I were delighted by the warm welcome which we received when we arrived in Wellington. We look forward to renewing our acquaintance with my people in the cities, towns, and countryside. This will be a source of strength to me in the fulfilment of my duties as Queen and as Head of the great Commonwealth association of nations.

We are both glad that on this occasion The Prince of Wales and The Princess Anne are able to be with us and that they will be able to share our pleasure.

Our visit takes place on an appropriate occasion because it is from the first voyage of Captain James Cook that New Zealand's close association with the British Crown is derived. We are now celebrating the bi-centenary of this voyage and I know what a deep significance this commemoration has for all New Zealanders. It is a time to reflect on the achievements of those who have built this country and to look to the goals which should be set for the future. In recalling with pride the work and enterprise that have been devoted to building modern New Zealand, my people may look forward with a renewed confidence in their destiny.