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THE First Session of the Thirty-seventh 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 a great privilege for me to address you, the newly elected members of the thirty-seventh Parliament of New Zealand.

I can assure you that I look forward with great pleasure to my association with you in the coming years and I pray that I may be able to assist in promoting the progress and happiness of the people to whom we both have a responsibility.

The Government's foreign policies reflect the basic concern of New Zealanders for fundamental human rights. All doctrines of racial superiority and of discrimination are rejected. All issues in the field of race relations, both at home and abroad, will be judged on this basic principle which New Zealand will promote through its membership of international organisations and through the United Nations in particular.

The Government will oppose more vigorously the continued testing of nuclear weapons, especially in the atmosphere and in the Pacific. The co-operation of our neighbours will be sought in the pursuit of all effective and practical means of achieving an end to such tests.