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THE Second Session of the Thirty-seventh 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 pleased to be able to exercise my prerogative in opening the second session of this thirty-seventh Parliament.

I have been much moved by the welcome which New Zealanders have given to me, and to my husband, since our arrival. We are particularly glad that The Prince of Wales, and The Princess Anne and her husband, have been with us to share the pleasures of that welcome and of this visit.

As Queen of New Zealand—and Head of the Commonwealth—I rejoice at being here at this particular time. The great Commonwealth gathering at Christchurch for the Games was an unforgettable experience, and on Wednesday I shall attend the celebration of the first New Zealand Day at Waitangi. It was on the sixth day of February 134 years ago that the link was established between the British Crown and my Maori people, and the first step in New Zealand's nationhood was taken.

It is also significant that our visit coincides with the passage of a Bill to revise the Royal Style and Titles. Before we leave these shores, I hope that my Style and Title will lay primary emphasis on the realm of New Zealand.

The objectives of my Government, in establishing its programme of action over the last year and for the coming session, stem from a concern to give all New Zealanders social justice and freedom, and law and order. Young and old should have a healthy environment to live in, with opportunities for satisfying work and leisure activities, a good and decent standard of living, with adequate housing.