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THE Second Session of the Thirty-eighth 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 delighted once more to be among my people in New Zealand to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of my Accession.

I am, as always, greatly touched by the respect paid to the role of the Crown in your Constitution and by the warm regard shown for me personally.

My husband and I much appreciate the arrangements which my Ministers have made to enable us to tour New Zealand extensively so that we can meet as many people as possible.

I have looked forward to exercising my prerogative of opening this special second session of the thirty-eighth Parliament so that I can join, with the elected representatives of my people, in celebrating the 25 years of my reign. A jubilee, however, ought to be an occasion for looking towards the future as well as for looking back at the past.