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THE First Session of the Thirty-ninth 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 privilege for me to exercise again the prerogative of Her Majesty The Queen in opening this first Session of the thirty-ninth Parliament.

My wife and I enjoy serving New Zealand in our Viceregal capacity and, in particular, appreciate very much the opportunities that the office provides for meeting so many people. They have brought home to us those aspects of community endeavour which unify us as a nation.

Today's ceremony not only evokes the unique blending of monarchy and democracy, which is our common heritage, but should inspire you—as the elected representatives of the people—to promote in this place, those spiritual values and human traditions on which the aspirations of so many men and women depend. Parliament is the Marae of the people; it is the focus of the nation.

Over the last year the Government has pursued a policy of economic stimulation. This has been possible because the policies of the previous 2 years succeeded in dampening internal demand. By late 1977 some improvement of the balance of payments and the rate of inflation was apparent while economic activity was in danger of declining excessively.