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THE First Session of the Fortieth 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 for the second time the prerogative of Her Majesty The Queen in opening this First Session of the 40th Parliament.

Since I last addressed you my wife and I have had the honour of attending the marriage of The Prince of Wales to The Lady Diana Spencer. This was a glorious family—as well as constitutional—event, shared through television by New Zealanders and countless others of Her Majesty's loyal subjects. We wish Their Royal Highnesses a happy married life together.

New Zealand was again reminded of its monarchical heritage and of those abiding traditions that unite us as a nation when The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, visited many parts of the country last October. They were warmly received everywhere they went. This was the sixth such tour undertaken by The Queen. We