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THE Second Session of the Forthieth 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 third time the prerogative of Her Majesty The Queen in opening this Second Session of the 40th Parliament.

My wife and I enjoy serving New Zealand in our Vice-Regal capacity and appreciate how this can bring people together. We are humbled by the trust reposed in us. We are grateful too for the many opportunities to discover those aspects of community endeavour which unify us as a nation.

Once again we are looking forward with keen anticipation to a royal visit. Their Royal Highnesses The Prince and Princess of Wales and His Royal Highness Prince William arrive in a few days' time. We rejoice in the happy family life they symbolise. Their visit will cement further the bond with our beloved Queen. It will be a family gathering in other ways, because at Wanganui they will be meeting His Royal Highness The Prince Edward who has in an unobtrusive way been living and working among us for many months.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS, the major objective of the Government's economic policy over the last year has been to lower the rate of