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THE Third 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 great privilege for me to exercise for the first time as The Queen's representative in New Zealand, Her Majesty's prerogative in opening this third session of the thirty-ninth Parliament. Already on two occasions—within the first few months of office—my wife and I have been hosts to members of the Royal Family, and this has been a source of great pleasure to us.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent honoured us with their presence at my Swearing-in as Governor-General. More recently, we welcomed to this country His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales. During his visit I extended to His Royal Highness warm congratulations on his engagement to Lady Diana Spencer, and I am sure Members of this House and all the people of New Zealand will join with me in extending to them best wishes for the wedding in July and for their future happiness.

Her Majesty The Queen is to visit New Zealand in mid-October, following the Commonwealth Heads of Government conference in