
ITALY'S CONTE WINS CONFIDENCE VOTE BY NARROW MARGIN

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Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte won the backing of the upper house of parliament on Tuesday, leaving him clinging to power but with a weakened, minority government.

Conte won a majority in a vote of confidence in the Senate, but fell short of an absolute majority.

After weeks of infighting, former Prime Minister Matteo Renzi triggered the vote, pulling his centrist Italia Viva party out of the governing coalition and plunging Italy into political chaos. Renzi blamed differences over the countrys post-coronavirus economic recovery plan.

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