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COOK ISLANDS PM SURVIVES NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE OVER CHINA PACT

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Cook Islands Prime Minister Mark Brown survived on Wednesday (Feb 26) a vote of no confidence in parliament brought by the opposition over deals he struck with China that strained relations with New Zealand.

Members of parliament voted 13-9 to defeat the motion introduced by the Cook Islands United Party. Two members abstained from voting.

The government holds 14 seats in the 24-seat unicameral parliament while the opposition holds 10.

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