

## French Government on Verge of Collapse Over Budget



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Caption

Jean-Luc Melenchon, founder of the French left-wing La France Insoumise (LFI) party, listens to Prime Minister Francois Bayrou's general policy statement during an extraordinary parliamentary session at the National Assembly ahead of a confidence vote on the government's austerity budget on September 8, 2025, in Paris, France. Lawmakers are expected to oust Bayrou after only nine months in office, plunging the country into political uncertainty and posing a challenge for President Emmanuel Macron. Bayrou surprised even his allies by calling the confidence vote to end a months-long standoff over his austerity budget, which includes nearly 44 billion euros (\$52 billion) in cost savings to reduce France's debt. (Photo by Adnan Farzat/NurPhoto)

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