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The Behaviour of Danish Parties at the Final Voting on the State Budget

In the 1980'es, Danish parliamentary norms are changing. According to one time-honoured norm parties which considered themselves 'responsible' (as opposed to parties on the extreme Left or Right) regularly voted for the state budget at the final voting, irrespective of its contents, in so far as they did not wish to use the voting as a voting of non-confidence. Since 1983, however, the Social Democrats have voted against or for the budget or have abstained, stating their reasons for doing so by referring to the degree of influence they have obtained on the budget. The change of attitude probably means a severe reduction in the possibilities of minority governments to manoeuvre in such a way as to survive.