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ATHENS, Jan 18 (Reuter) - Costas Simitis, a technocrat and party reformer, was elected Greece's new prime minister on Thursday by the ruling socialist parliamentary group to replace party founder Andreas Papandreou who resigned this week.

Simitis scored 86 votes and socialist Interior Minister Akis Tsohatzopoulos scored 75 votes, the president of the socialist parliamentary group, Dimitris Beis, told reporters.

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