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Sommario/riassunto	This monograph discusses the role of political parties in Paraguay's legislature. Using Paraguay as a case study, the author analyzes the

phenomenon of legislative chaos. While chaos has been expected to exist in legislatures since at least 1785, this phenomenon has not been observable in real-world legislatures for much of history. By showing that chaos exists in Paraguay, and by then proposing a way to incorporate chaos into existing legislative theories, this volume creates a model that is more generalizable to different legislative contexts than what currently exists. Providing a robust theoretical contribution to the study of both legislative politics and Paraguay's political system, this book will appeal to researchers and students studying legislative behavior and Latin American politics. .
