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## **Rajoy submit Tuesday to the uncertain investiture session of Spanish democracy**

### **Missing six votes to be President**

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**USPA NEWS** - The Spanish Parliament will hold on Tuesday and Wednesday the second investiture debate in less than a year, this time with the conservative candidate and acting President of the Spanish Government, Mariano Rajoy, aspiring to reelection.

After two weeks of intense negotiations, finally on Sunday investiture pact between the conservative Popular Party (PP) and the center party Citizens it was signed. The pact includes 150 measures for political regeneration of Spain, although Citizens finally gave up political reforms in exchange for ensuring social and economic reforms. This agreement Monday joined the Canaries nationalists, so that Rajoy has 170 votes in favor of his appointment as President of the Government -the 137 of PP, the 32 deputies of Citizens and Canary vote nationalist representative- enough to be elected on the first ballot, as the absolute majority is set at 176 votes.

The agreement between PP and Citizens does not guarantee the election of Rajoy in second vote would be held on Friday and in which it is enough with a simple majority. The problem is that, compared with 170 deputies who support Rajoy, 180 deputies from other parties are in the opposition. For this reason, Rajoy has always insisted on claiming abstention Socialist Party (PSOE its acronym in Spanish) and for this purpose met Monday for half an hour with the Socialist secretary general, Pedro Sanchez.

But the Socialists are unwilling to support in any way Rajoy and described as "continuous" the investiture agreement signed with Citizens. The president of this party, Albert Rivera, recalled Sunday Pedro Sanchez hundred of the 150 measures agreed with the PP already included in the pact signed with the PSOE and Citizens in the previous legislature. However, none of that seems to convince the Socialists and the question is whether the second vote on Friday would abstain or vote against.

Rajoy just needs eleven Socialist deputies on Friday refrain. Convinced that there will be elected on the first ballot, the conservative candidate expects to be sworn in on Friday. Otherwise, do not rule this second time the inauguration in the first half of September. Citizens move Conservatives and pressure the Socialist Party, to which they had to summon responsible if a third elections to be held on Christmas Day. Nobody wants but nobody to discard. Meanwhile, Rajoy still looking for six missing votes to be elected by an absolute majority or eleven abstentions he would President in second vote.

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