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## **Rajoy will have to undergo a second vote to be invested as president**

### **Not achieved the required majority**

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**USPA NEWS** - There were no surprises in the second day of the investiture debate of Mariano Rajoy as president of the Spanish Government. The conservative candidate, who aspires to a second term, did not obtain the absolute majority needed to be invested and be submitted to a new vote on Friday.

They voted 350 deputies: 170 for Rajoy -137 of the conservative Popular Party, 32 of the Citizens centrist party and the representative of nationalism canary- and 180 against. Rajoy was expected and must undergo a second vote on Friday, when a simple majority will suffice to be invested. However, he do not have that majority and thus remembered in the debate on Wednesday the secretary general of the Socialist Party, Pedro Sanchez. The opposition leader announced that the Socialists would vote against Rajoy and closed the door to a possible Socialist deputies abstaining in the vote on Friday.

The forcefulness with which Pedro Sanchez denied any possibility according to Rajoy, thus opening the door to a third elections at Christmas, was welcomed by his supporters and rejected by critics of his party, who prefer to be allowed to Rajoy form a Government and the Socialist party exercises control rightful main opposition party. This argument was also defended by the president of Citizens center party, Albert Rivera, whose deputies supported the vote Rajoy on Wednesday.

Pedro Sanchez, Rajoy said, "will go down in history as responsible for convening the third elections in a year" in Spain. The Socialist secretary general, said Wednesday before the full House of Representatives that there will be not a third election and his party will be starring in the solution. Words that sparked a wave of rumors about the possibility that at least part of the Socialist deputies to abstain on Friday or that the Socialist Party try to form an alternative Government to the conservative failure. In the latter purpose it would have the support of the Podemos (We Can) coalition between communists and populist.

If there is no change in the positions of the Spanish political parties, Rajoy not achieve investiture on Friday. It would open a period of two months for other candidates, including Rajoy, who on Wednesday announced that it will try again if Friday is not elected arise. The problem of Spanish politics is that no candidate has sufficient support to achieve the investiture. And in that scenario, the ghost of a third election returns with force.

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