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## It increases division in Catalonia between independence and constitutional

### Parliament violates its own rules

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**USPA NEWS** - The confrontation in Catalonia between separatists and supporters of the law and the Spanish Constitution continues to deepen. On Tuesday, the Board of Spokesmen of the Catalan House met, violating its own rules but in a hurry to advance secession.

The regulation of the regional Parliament of Catalonia establishes the requirement that all groups are constituted so that it can gather the Board of Spokesmen. They're all except the conservative Popular Party, which is running the time in an attempt to curb the independence derived. However, on Monday the president of the Catalan Parliament, Carmen Forcadell, the Board of Spokesmen convened a meeting on Tuesday morning, in order to fix the date of the first plenary of the House, which claim independence vote its proposal for secession.

The breach of the rules of the regional Parliament and the appeals by constitutional parties not prevented, as intended by the president of the House, the Board of Spokesmen should meet without the presence of the Popular Party. A meeting ended without agreement, with a demonstration of the division in the Parliament: the independence parties, Junts role Si (JxS its acronym in Catalan) and anti CUP on the one hand, and the Socialist Party, Citizens and Catalunya if which pot is the other. The latter does not validate the agreements to be adopted by the Board of Spokesmen while the Popular Party spokesman is not present.

Following the meeting of the Board of Spokesmen, the Bureau of the House agreed to follow the parliamentary process of the independence proposal, a decision that was described as "very serious" by the constitutionalist parties. As a result of this, popular, socialist and Citizens announced the filing of an appeal with the Constitutional Court, although JxS spokesman, Raul Romeva, advanced the disposal of his party to disobey any order of the High Court.

No possibility of short-term agreement, the Catalan conflict continues to grow. The Spanish Prime Minister, Mariano Rajoy, receives these days the leaders of all opposition parties. So far, he has received the explicit support of the Socialist Party, Citizens, Left United and Union, Progress and Democracy to defend the current legislation. The last to express his support was, this Tuesday, the leader of Democratic Union of Catalonia (UDC), Jose Antonio Duran Lleida.

UDC was, until a few months ago, the Government partner of Democratic Convergence of Catalonia, the party of regional president Artur Mas and one of the initiators of the independence process. Duran Lleida called on Rajoy to act "with political intelligence" in Catalonia and prioritize constitutional means to restore dialogue with the Catalan authorities, but also assured the Prime Minister that UDC defend the Constitution and is against independence. "Union, I remember, voted the Spanish Constitution and we will never accept that anyone puts us outside of it," said Jose Antonio Duran Lleida.

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