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**PLENARY ACTION ON THE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION  
BY THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE OF INSUFFICIENCY IN  
SUBSTANCE OF AN IMPEACHMENT COMPLAINT:  
TANCANGCO CASE**

**I. RULES OF PROCEDURE IN IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
12<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS<sup>1</sup>**

1. The mandatory requirement of the House to act on the report of the Committee on Justice on the insufficiency in substance of the complaint within ten (10) session days from the inclusion in the Order of Business of the House is in Section 7, par. 1 of Rule III:

"Section 7. Plenary Action on the Preliminary Determination of Insufficiency in Substance. - The House shall act on the report of the Committee on Justice on the insufficiency in substance of the complaint and/or resolution within ten (10) session days from the inclusion thereof in the Order of Business.

"x x x." (underscoring supplied)

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<sup>1</sup> Adopted, November 28, 2001.

**II. VERIFIED COMPLAINT PRAYING FOR THE IMPEACHMENT OF COMMISSIONER LUZVIMINDA G. TANCANGCO OF THE COMELEC FOR ALLEGED GRAFT AND CORRUPTION, BETRAYAL OF PUBLIC TRUST AND CULPABLE VIOLATION OF THE CONSTITUTION FILED BY MR. JOSE CONCEPCION, JR., MS. VICTORIA GARCHITORENA, ET. AL. AND DULY ENDORSED BY REPRESENTATIVE MONICO O. PUENTEVELLA, ET. AL.**

1. Calendar of Session Days<sup>2</sup>
  - 1.1 Session days - November 11, 2002 to December 18, 2002
  - 1.2 Adjournment - December 19, 2002 to January 12, 2003
  - 1.3 Session days - January 13, 2003 to March 21, 2003
2. Chronology of events on the Committee on Justice Report No. 1099, dismissing the complaint and finding the same not sufficient in substance

2.1 Session days:

- 2.1.1 December 17 and 18, 2002<sup>3</sup> (Inclusion in the Reference/Order of Business)
- 2.1.2 January 13 (1<sup>st</sup>)
- 2.1.3 January 14 (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- 2.1.4 January 15 (3<sup>rd</sup>)
- 2.1.5 January 20 (4<sup>th</sup>)
- 2.1.6 January 21 (5<sup>th</sup>)
- 2.1.7 January 22 (6<sup>th</sup>)
- 2.1.8 January 27 (7<sup>th</sup>)
- 2.1.9 January 28 and 29<sup>4</sup> (8<sup>th</sup>) - Sponsorship speech and interpellations of Committee on Justice Report No. 1099
- 2.1.10 February 3<sup>5</sup> (9<sup>th</sup>) - Voting on Committee Report No. 1099

Result: 69 affirmative votes, 57 negative votes and no abstention

The Body approved Committee Report No. 1099, dismissing the impeachment complaint and finding the same not sufficient in substance.

- 2.1.11 February 4 (10<sup>th</sup>)

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<sup>2</sup> Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9, ANNEX "A".

<sup>3</sup> Journal of the House of Representatives, pp. 2-3, ANNEX "B".

<sup>4</sup> Ibid, pp. 15-31 and 50-55, ANNEX "C".

<sup>5</sup> Ibid, pp. 13-51, ANNEX "D".

- 2.2. The House acted on the Committee Report within the period of ten (10) days from its inclusion in the Order of Business

IMPEACHMENT 4: PLENARY ACTION ON THE IMPEACHMENT COMPLAINT BY THE  
COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

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