

**REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE JUDICIAL CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED STATES**

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Ex "B"

- 11) Endorsed modification of the Illustrative Rules to provide (a) that if a chief judge or circuit council dismisses, solely for lack of jurisdiction under § 372(c), non-frivolous allegations of criminal conduct by a federal judge, the order of dismissal shall inform the complainant that the dismissal does not prevent the complainant from bringing such allegations to the attention of appropriate federal or state criminal authorities; and (b) that where the chief judge or circuit council dismisses, solely for lack of jurisdiction, allegations of criminal conduct that were originally referred to the circuit by a Congressional committee or member of Congress, the chief judge or circuit council shall notify the Congressional committee or member that the judiciary has concluded that it lacks jurisdiction under § 372(c).
- 12) Approved in principle the promulgation of a uniform policy on the limitations a judicial council should impose on a judge who is personally implicated in the criminal process, and directed the Review Committee, or another committee of the Conference, to draft such a policy for subsequent approval by the Conference.
- 13) Endorsed in principle the Commission's recommendation that there be "informal meetings of high-level representatives of the three branches of the federal government to promote oversight and understanding of judicial discipline, disability, and impeachment" and charged the Review Committee with the responsibility to study further and recommend the best way to implement the Commission's recommendation.
- 14) Endorsed, in principle, the recommendations of the National Commission:
 - a) that Illustrative Rule 17(a), providing for the public availability of sanitized chief judges' orders dismissing or concluding complaints, be uniformly adopted and adhered to by all circuits and courts covered by the Act;
 - b) that the provisions of the Illustrative Rules regarding confidentiality be adopted and adhered to by all circuits and courts covered by the Act;
 - c) that chief judges' orders dismissing or concluding complaints set forth the allegations of the complaint and the reasons for the disposition as required by Illustrative Rule 4(f);