

House Speaker Race Still Undecided

Following the removal of Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) as Speaker of the House of Representatives, Republican House members have not yet come to an agreement on who should be the next speaker.

Earlier this week, Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-LA) won an internal House Republican vote over Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH) to be the leading nominee to be elected speaker. However, Scalise dropped out of the race yesterday after a handful of Republicans said they would still oppose him in a vote on the House floor. Any Republican nominee for speaker can only lose four Republican votes on the House floor and still be elected.

Representative Jordan has indicated he will try to mount a bid for speaker on the House floor but it appears he is also short of the 217 votes needed to be elected. The House cannot move forward with any votes on legislation until a new speaker is elected.

SBA to Host Small Business Cybersecurity Summit

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will host a free, virtual National Cyber Summit Wednesday, Oct. 18, Wednesday Oct. 25, and Wednesday Nov. 1, from 12 pm–5pm ET. [Registration for the event can be found here.](#)

This second annual cybersecurity forum will help introduce American small businesses to tools, tips, and resources to bolster their cybersecurity infrastructure and explore new trends and challenges entrepreneurs are increasingly facing.

The summit will feature various speakers, including SBA Administrator Guzman, SBA Associate Administrator Madrid, SBA Resource Partners, Small Business Development Centers, the SBA Small Business Digital Alliance, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), FBI, business chambers, state government partners, experts from the public/private sectors, major technology platforms, and award-winning business coaches.