

House Speaker Race Stretches into Third Week

Following the removal of Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) as Speaker of the House of Representatives, the race to be the next speaker has stretched into its third week. House Republicans have been unable to agree on a new alternative since McCarthy was voted out.

Last week, Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-LA) won an internal House Republican vote to be the next nominee but was unable to secure 217 votes on the House floor to be elected speaker. House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jim Jordan (R-OH) recently entered the race but has also been unable to win enough votes on the House floor to be elected. It remains unclear how Republicans will ultimately end the stalemate for a new speaker. The House cannot move forward with any votes on legislation until a new speaker is elected.