

Kevin McCarthy Ousted As House Speaker : First in US History

Why In News

- For the **first time in its 234-year history**, the House backed a resolution "to vacate the office of the speaker" with a 216-210 vote setting the stage for an unprecedented contest to replace McCarthy a year before the presidential election.
- The 216-to-210 vote marked the first time in history that the House removed its leader, with eight Republicans voting with 208 Democrats to remove McCarthy. McCarthy told reporters he would not make another run for speaker.



Who Launched This Resolution

- "Speaker McCarthy has failed to take a stand where it matters," far-right Florida Congressman **Matt Gaetz**, who launched the effort to remove McCarthy. Kevin McCarthy has made multiple contradictory promises, and when they all came due, he lost.
- **Matthew Louis Gaetz II** is an American lawyer and politician who has served as the U.S. representative for Florida's 1st congressional district since 2017.



Reason

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- McCarthy had repeatedly angered Democrats in recent weeks, including by launching **an impeachment inquiry into Biden** by giving them little time to read a **stopgap spending bill** to avert a government shutdown that he needed their votes to pass.
- Democrats, who have expressed frustration with McCarthy over what they see as his efforts to appeal to the Republican's hard right, refused to vote in his favour.



McCarthy Say

- McCarthy Told Lawmakers He **Would Not Run Again For Speaker**, Putting The Gavel Up For Grabs. Next Steps Are Highly Uncertain As There Is No Obvious Successor To Lead The House Republican Majority.

What's Next

- Other Republican leaders like Steve Scalise and Tom Emmer could possibly be candidates, though neither has publicly expressed interest.
- Representative **Patrick McHenry** was named to the post on a temporary basis.

