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Tom Brenner for The New York Times via Redux

Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) speaks in the Rayburn Room at the Capitol after he was ousted as Speaker of the House, in Washington, Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023. The House on Tuesday voted to oust McCarthy from the speakership, a move without precedent in modern history that left the chamber without a leader and plunged it into chaos. (Tom Brenner/The New York Times)

Rep. Kevin McCarthy at the Capitol on Tuesday.

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Rep Matt Gaetz (R-FL) speaks to reporters on the steps of the US Capitol in Washington, DC after filing a motion to vacate House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-CA).

Rep Matt Gaetz, R-Fla., speaks to reporters on the steps of the U.S. Capitol on Monday.

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