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U.S. House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) (R) talks to Rep.-elect Matt Gaetz (R-FL) in the House Chamber during the fourth day of elections for Speaker of the House at the U.S. Capitol Building on January 06, 2023 in Washington, DC. The House of Representatives is meeting to vote for the next Speaker after House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) failed to earn more than 218 votes on several ballots; the first time in 100 years that the Speaker was not elected on the first ballot.

House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy of California, right, talks to Rep.-elect Matt Gaetz of Florida in the House chamber during the fourth day of voting for speaker at the U.S. Capitol on Friday.

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