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UNITED STATES - JANUARY 4: Reps. Henry Cuellar, D-Texas, center, Cathy McMorris Rodgers, R-Wash., and other members recite the Pledge of Allegiance before a vote on the House in which Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., did not receive enough votes to become Speaker of the House, on Wednesday, January 4, 2023. (Tom Williams/CQ-Roll Call, Inc via Getty Images)

Reps. Henry Cuellar, D-Texas, center, and Cathy McMorris Rodgers, R-Wash., and other House members recite the Pledge of Allegiance before a vote for speaker Wednesday.

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Rep.-elect Cory Mills, R-Fla., talks to House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., during the third day of elections for Speaker of the House on Jan. 5, 2023.

Rep.-elect Cory Mills, R-Fla., talks to House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy of California during the third day of elections for speaker on Wednesday.

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