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House Reconvenes for Second Day of Voting for Speaker, Republicans Still Split

Today, the U.S. House of Representatives convened for the second day in an effort for Republicans to elect a Speaker that would be able to swear-in new members and move a new rules package governing the chamber's operations. On the fourth, fifth, and sixth ballot attempts (the first, second, and third votes of the day), Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) received 201 votes, Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY) received 212 votes, and Rep. Bryon Donalds (R-FL) received 20 votes, with one member voting present. Following the three votes, the House adjourned until 8:00 pm presumably for Republicans to discuss a path forward.

As previously reported, the Republican leadership has spent the last few weeks negotiating with the House Freedom Caucus in order to secure the necessary votes, but their efforts have been unsuccessful at present. The House will have to resolve who the Speaker will be for the next two years before it can move on to other business, including swearing-in of new members and selecting committee assignments. The last time that it

took the House more than one ballot to elect a Speaker was about a century ago in 1923, so there is little precedent for what will happen over the next few hours and days.

For further coverage, see the following articles:

[House resumes speaker votes with new alternative, similar result - Roll Call](#)

[Trump calls for all Republicans to back McCarthy for Speaker | The Hill](#)

[McCarthy floats path to Speakership with lower vote threshold | The Hill](#)

[Centrist Republican says 'preliminary talks' with Democrats underway on Speaker deal | The Hill](#)

[McCarthy fails a fifth time as chaos reigns over House GOP - Politico](#)

[Biden: GOP speaker drama 'embarrassing' and 'not my problem' - Politico](#)

FSA Announces FAFSA Winter Renewal Campaign

Today, the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Federal Student Aid (FSA) released an [Electronic Announcement](#) on its 2023-2024 FAFSA [Free Application for Federal Student Aid] Winter Renewal Campaign. According to the announcement, starting on January 10, 2023, FSA will begin sending emails and SMS messages to 2022-23 FAFSA filers and parents of dependent 2022-23 FAFSA filers who have not yet submitted a 2023-24 FAFSA form. The goal of the campaign is to remind these customers that the 2023-24 FAFSA form is available and should be completed soon for those attending school between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024. Students and parents will be directed to fafsa.gov where they can complete and submit the 2023-24 FAFSA form electronically. Eligible students and parents who have a valid email address in the Central Processing System will receive an email sometime between January 10, 2023, and late January 2023. Students and parents may receive different messages based on certain factors.

U.S. Department of Education News

For today's Federal Register, click [here](#).

Member News



The Boards of Directors of the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) and Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC) recently [announced](#) that they are seeking a dynamic leader to fill the position of Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director. KHEAA/KHESLC are sister

organizations created by state statute, whose joint mission is to enable Kentuckians to achieve their education goals beyond high school. The CEO/Executive Director will serve as one of the Commonwealth's leading policy advocates for financial access to and successful completion of postsecondary education, representing the interests of prospective and enrolled Kentucky students and their families. To apply, submit a cover letter and resume via email in PDF format to ceosearch@kheaa.com by 4:30 PM EST Tuesday, January 31, 2023. For more information, click [here](#).

General News

[MarketPlace](#) previews the priorities of the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Federal Student over the next year and says that the office will be forced to carry out its policies without additional federal funding. The priorities include managing the resumption of federal student loan repayment, simplifying the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, and—depending on the U.S. Supreme Court's decision later this year—possibly the President's federal student loan forgiveness program.

[Higher Ed Dive](#) issues its predictions for the seven higher education trends to watch in 2023.

[Yahoo Finance](#) asks what the income-driven repayment account adjustment is and how can student and parent borrowers apply for the loan forgiveness.

[Fox Business](#) reports that, under the Secure 2.0 Act, student loan payments will count toward 401(k) matching contributions from employers.

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