

Chaos on Capitol Hill

The U.S. Republican party remains at war over who to elect as the next speaker of the House of Representatives. Failing to secure enough votes marks the longest House speaker ballot since 1855

■ Kevin McCarthy:

Republican leader has acceded to several demands from band of ultraconservative **House Freedom Caucus** in his bid for speaker of House



■ House Freedom

Caucus: 20 rebels include (left to right) **Scott Perry** of Pennsylvania; **Lauren Boebert** of Colorado; **Matt Gaetz** of Florida and **Bob Good** of Virginia



Speaker needs 218 votes in 435-seat House

Democrats

213

Republicans

222

McCarthy concessions

■ Motion to vacate the chair:

Will allow single member of House to propose ousting speaker at any time. Current rules require half of Republican lawmakers to call for such a vote

■ **Other concessions:** Give lawmakers 72 hours to read bills before they come up for vote

■ **House Freedom Caucus:** Has agreed to allow hardliners to pick two of nine members of the **House Rules Committee** that has jurisdiction over legislation

■ **Constitution:** Federal limit on number of terms member can serve in House and Senate

