

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address October 9, 2015
“Update on the Speaker of the House Election”

Hello, this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess.

As most of you know, House Republicans convened to nominate a new Speaker of the House yesterday.

Just moments before the vote, front runner Representative Kevin McCarthy of California unexpectedly announced that he was dropping out of the race.

The election has been postponed for now. It is likely that we will vote on a new Speaker in the coming weeks.

Pursuant to House Rules, outgoing Speaker John Boehner will remain in his position until the House elects a new Speaker.

With McCarthy’s withdrawal, he leaves 2 existing candidates – Jason Chaffetz of Utah and Daniel Webster of Florida. But it is very likely that there may be additional candidates who will step forward to express an interest in the leadership position in the coming days. And I look forward to hearing from them on their positions.

This is a big deal. I believe that it is critical that we choose a Speaker who will help this country elect a Republican President in 2016.

You may be surprised to learn that the Republican Conference as a whole is the Conference of new and younger faces.

Republicans have more than twice as many Members under the age 40 than the Democrats have.

And while the average Democratic leadership tenure is 12 years, the tenure of Republicans will be much lower – regardless of who becomes our next Speaker.

I look forward to seeing if any of these newer younger faces are willing to consider running.

As always, I welcome your comments and your questions on this issue and any others.

Thank you for taking the time to listen. May God bless you and your family, and as the song says God bless you Texas.