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1) Several big, controversial things coming together in the House of Representatives this week.

The House is expected to vote mid-week to fine members who decline to pass through metal detectors en route to the House floor.

2) The House erected the mags after the 1/6 riot. Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD) was later refused entry to the House chamber by US Capitol Police after he attempted to bring a gun onto the floor, setting off the mags.

3) Republicans argue that the mags are unconstitutional and interfere with their right to go to the floor, via the “Speech or Debate” clause of the Constitution. It prohibits lawmakers from being arrested or detained when conducting official business.

4) But the Constitution also allows both the House and Senate to craft their own rules.

Also, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) is to meet “this week” with Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA).

5) Rep. Jimmy Gomez (D-CA) may try to advance his measure to expel Greene from the House. Expulsion requires a two-thirds vote. Only five House members have ever been expelled. The last was the late Rep. Jim Traficant (D-OH) in 2002.

6) If this issue does come to a head, expect the House to actually vote to table the Gomez resolution. That means the House would set aside the motion to expel Greene. It only takes a simple majority to table an issue.

7) Also, the House Republican Conference meets Wednesday morning. Expect Greene to be the subject of debate in that conclave – as well as the future of House Republican Conference Chairwoman Liz Cheney (R-WY).

8) Cheney ignited the ire of Republicans loyal to President Trump when she voted to impeach him for the 1/6 riot. House conservatives say they have more well over 100 members who are willing to remove her as conference chair

9) A 2/3 vote of the conference is required to hold a vote about Cheney’s future in leadership. Otherwise, the issue is kicked over to House leaders and others to decide what to do about Cheney.

10) That panel would then have to decide whether to send the issue of removing Cheney back to the conference for a vote.

11) Republicans are torn as to what to do about Greene and Cheney. There is also chatter about removing Greene from her assignment on the Education and Labor Committee. Republicans stripped former Rep. Steven King (R-IA) of his committee assignment two years ago.

12) Of course, there is concern among some GOPers that the conference may wind up sanctioning Cheney and not touching Greene.