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Speaker Kotek releases statement following the expulsion of Rep. Mike Nearman

SALEM – Tonight, the Oregon House of Representatives expelled Representative Mike Nearman from the Legislature with a bipartisan vote of 59-1 to pass House Resolution 3, which had been forwarded to the floor with a bipartisan unanimous vote from a special committee earlier in the day.

In response, House Speaker Tina Kotek issued the following statement.

“The Oregon House of Representatives has taken the unprecedented step of expelling one of its members. Elected leaders must be held to the highest possible standard. The facts are clear that Mr. Nearman unapologetically coordinated and planned a breach of the Oregon State Capitol. His actions were blatant and deliberate, and he has shown no remorse for jeopardizing the safety of every person in the Capitol that day. Given the extraordinary circumstances, this was the only reasonable path forward. Safety – for the public, building employees, legislators and their staff – continues to be my top priority in managing this extraordinary session.”

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