

for it to be completed after a very public notification.

This window and public notification intentionally or unintentionally provides service members the time to hide the content, and the opportunity for commanding officers to not find anything. Why did the Air Force tip off service members that the sweep was taking place? Commanding officers who performed the sweep also had an incentive not to find anything because it would reflect poorly on the command climate they are charged with maintaining.

This sweep also did not include individual desks, cabinet drawers, lockers, or military issued computer hard drives, where much of the content in the Smith complaint was stored.

Describing the need for a sweep, General Welsh explained, "In my view, all this stuff is connected.

If we're going to get serious about things like sexual assault, we have to get serious about an environment that could lead to sexual harassment. In some ways, this stuff can all be linked."

I agree with General Welsh. It's time to get serious about sexual assault in the military, but this must include credible and effective oversight actions to counter the culture that permits and fosters systemic harassment, assault, and rape.

And even with effective sweeps, it won't be as easy as taking down a calendar or deleting a computer file. Ending the epidemic of rape and sexual assault in the military will require a reboot of the military justice system, and addressing commander influence in these all too common cases. We owe Jennifer Smith and her many colleagues subjected to this gross harassment better. We don't tolerate it in the private sector.

MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURPHY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. While our Nation still grieves the loss of so many children and teachers and others in Connecticut, it is a time for Congress to begin a thoughtful dialogue on what we can do to deal with these mass-casualty incidences in our country. They have been going on for some time; but perhaps when we see the faces of children, principals, teachers and others, it will burn upon our hearts and motivate us to take further action. I want to make sure, Mr. Speaker, that Congress takes the appropriate action in a thoughtful, willful, determined way and that it doesn't jump to quick conclusions as if simple fixes will prevent this from happening.

First, to the parents of children across America who are asking questions, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to offer some of this advice, and also in my background as a psychologist, it's important for people to remember this:

Parents should be asking their children what they have heard about the incident. We should listen to their concerns and their emotions. We should answer their questions with age-appropriate information. We should support

and comfort and reassure them of their safety at home and at school. We should observe and watch for symptoms of problems, such as changes in appetite, such as sleep issues, worries, aggression, anger, and sadness. We should protect our children from other media exposure and information that creates more fear and problems;

It is important for parents to call for professional help for their children if they are showing some concerns and symptoms of this beyond simple adjustment. For parents who have children who also have anger disorders, it is important for parents to review with school personnel locally how their schools are handling security and providing counseling assistance at school;

It is important for parents to pay attention to their own concerns and worries and to, over time, keep watch as concerns and symptoms may come later—even for those who are far distant from the location where this occurred.

For my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, I recommend that we remove the stigma surrounding mental illness in our talk about it and that we, first and foremost, address this as a mental health issue. We must commit to expanding access for those who are unable to receive treatment. If parents are not sure what to do, we need to provide them with information and assistance to get their children help. We have to review a wide range of things, such as television violence and video games in relation to violent behavior. We have to make sure that we are reviewing research that is being done with the National Institutes of Health, the National Institute of Mental Health, and our universities across the country. What we do not yet have is an answer to understanding how we can accurately predict those who will perform violent acts.

It is also important to understand that, for mentally ill persons, it is a diagnosable and treatable condition, that in the vast majority of cases there is no violence involved, and that, as a matter of fact, those with mental illness are 11 times more likely to be the victims of aggression rather than the sources of aggression. We can understand some of the risks: these often times are people between the ages of 15 and 25, and they generally tend to be males, intelligent; but we need to make sure we are identifying and providing resources for care for the families.

At the Federal Government level, I also recommend that Congress use a thoughtful approach in reviewing every single mental health program that we fund. In the Department of Justice, the Department of Education, Health and Human Services, the Department of Defense, we need a thorough and thoughtful review of what we spend and how it is spent even if it gets down to the level of family and community.

Understand, for example, in the Children's Mental Health Services program, it was funded at \$117 million in

fiscal year 2012. The President has proposed a cut of nearly \$29 million of this; and with sequestration, it will be cut by a further \$8 million. Should we make those cuts? Is that a program that is using this money effectively and efficiently? Let's talk about these in a candid and honest way with Members of Congress and the community.

Let's also understand that about 58 million Americans suffer from a mental disorder in a given year. About one in four people will have some diagnosable illness; and if one seeks treatment, one can get help. We also need to understand that, with psychotropic medication, over 70 percent of the time it is prescribed by a non-psychiatrist. With persons who have other problems with that—drug interactions—or who have other problems not quite dealt with, it is important to make sure that insurance plans funded by the Federal Government, State governments, and private insurers are appropriately allowing people to be treated for this.

We have many directions in which we need to go on this. Let's make sure we don't go in the wrong direction.

HONORING THE REVEREND EMANUEL CLEAVER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. LEE of California. I rise in honor of our outgoing Congressional Black Caucus chairman, Congressman Reverend EMANUEL CLEAVER.

Chairman CLEAVER has been a truly outstanding leader of the Congressional Black Caucus during the 112th Congress. We were fortunate to have his wisdom and steady—mind you, steady—leadership as we have navigated through some of the most contentious debates that I have witnessed during my time in Congress.

Faced with a job crisis unlike any that we have seen in recent history, Chairman CLEAVER instituted a very successful job initiative. With unemployment at record levels, with three to four unemployed persons for every single job opening, with 50 million in poverty, and with unemployment disparities like none we have ever seen, he understood that it was extremely important not only to talk about the need for jobs but to take action to bring jobs to the people, and that's exactly what Chairman CLEAVER and the Congressional Black Caucus did with last year's jobs tour, by launching jobs fairs in districts across the country, and we actually connected people with real jobs.

Chairman CLEAVER also helped lead the fight against the efforts to disenfranchise millions of voters. He has been a strong advocate for protecting the most vulnerable among us in ensuring that the social safety net stays in place and in pushing for a budget that is balanced and fair.

Now, as we are all trying to make sense of this so-called "fiscal cliff," I

am reminded of what he said so succinctly as a result of last year's deal. He called it, quite frankly, a "Satan sandwich." He has really been able to take leadership on these issues because, as a person of faith, he understands the moral and the, really, I think, extremely deep ethical impacts of our decisions. He pricks our conscience as we approach our deliberations.

Indeed, in what has many times and often times been the most divisive, polarizing, and political climate that many of us have experienced, Chairman CLEAVER has used his pastoral skills, his ability to bring people together on both sides of the aisle to help us all through times of trouble.

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He is truly a Member's Member. He helped to remind us exactly why we are all here. And yes, he is a brilliant legislator, but he's also a prophetic leader.

Chairman CLEAVER visited my district on my birthday not long ago, and he blessed me and my church with a sermon. And I must say, it was a moving, a powerful, and a spirited sermon. He's truly an anointed pastor, and he has demonstrated this gift in his work and his leadership here in Congress.

Also, Chairman CLEAVER is a strong environmentalist, and I had the privilege to visit his district where, as mayor of Kansas City, he led the way in the greening of his great city. His presentation and his clarity on climate change and how it is affecting God's planet and its inhabitants is brilliant and it's clear. Communities of color and low-income communities owe Chairman CLEAVER a debt of gratitude for tackling this tough issue with patience and with clarity.

But I know that Chairman Reverend Congressman CLEAVER does not stand alone. He has an amazing support system with his family and his wife, Dianne, who has been a friend to me and to the Congressional Black Caucus. Dianne is a brilliant and beautiful woman who was taught, like myself, by the Sisters of Loretto. She has been by his side offering her advice, counsel, and love.

I thank Chairman CLEAVER for his friendship. My congressional district, my pastor, J. Alfred Smith, Sr., and Junior, the Allen Temple Baptist Church in Oakland, California, and my entire congressional district deeply appreciate Chairman CLEAVER's generosity and his attention, not only to his remarkable constituents and his district, but to my district, to all of our districts, to our great Nation, and to our country.

Thank you, Chairman Reverend Congressman EMANUEL CLEAVER for your tremendous leadership, for your friendship, and I look forward to our continuing work together for peace and justice.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS CHAIRMAN EMANUEL CLEAVER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, let it be very clear, EMANUEL CLEAVER is not retiring from the United States Congress, but we are here to thank him for his service to the Congressional Black Caucus as chair, but really to the Nation.

Let me thank my colleagues for gathering this morning to raise a voice of crescendo in thanks and appreciation for this man called EMANUEL CLEAVER. His progeny and his ancestors are grateful for the mark that he has made on behalf of America.

Chairman CLEAVER speaks eloquently about his origins of hailing from Texas and his many relatives who remain there, even those who are in the surrounding areas of the 18th Congressional District. He's a proud graduate of Prairie View A&M University in Texas, in the surrounding area of Houston, Prairie View, Texas. He has a great heritage and connectedness to the Black Power movement, and he is a good combination of peace, gentleness, firmness, leadership, and courage.

And I might say that he was a man for these times, just as the Bible dictated that Esther was a woman for her time, was there for a time such as that. Our chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus found his role in a number of challenges that we faced. And if I might paraphrase a Biblical story, hopefully I have it nearly right, but I call this chairman a modern day Joseph who is able to wear the multicolored coat, representing constituencies from all backgrounds and going to represent his people in a foreign land. Chairman CLEAVER would go to places where others had not gone or raise his voice for issues that were unpopular, and he did so with the consensus and collaboration of the astute and committed members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

I went to his district, as many of us did. We're proud to see the affection, friendship, and love given to him by his constituents. I was so interested in what we call the green corridor; so many are looking to instill and implement that in their own districts.

Thank you, Reverend CLEAVER, for coming to Houston, Texas, on more than one occasion, but particularly to the NAACP banquet when I was named a recipient of the Mickey Leland Humanitarian Achievement Award, but more importantly, for your words of diminished return that if, in fact, we go to the lowest common denominator, if we don't raise ourselves to the highest level of challenge, then it becomes a diminished return, if I might paraphrase Chairman CLEAVER's words. It was a rousing and challenging speech that lifted people off their feet, and it caused us to think about what we need to do.

Finally, as others have spoken of his work on creating jobs for all of America, particularly those underserved, where the African American job unemployment rate was so high, he was a champion during the debate and the challenge of passing the Affordable Care Act, now proudly ObamaCare. When we came together that Sunday, March 19, before we had to go and vote, it was Chairman CLEAVER that led us to a prayer service where we worshipped and were renewed. We came back ready to cast our votes, to put this great legislation that is going to save lives over the top. We did it as a body, as a collective body, and as a group of members of the Congressional Black Caucus. And so even preceding his time in leadership, he led.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, let me offer my thank-you to this native son of Texas, a graduate of Prairie View A&M, one of the great institutions in the State of Texas. Let me congratulate his wife and his wonderful children and his extended family and all those who have seen in him the willingness to sacrifice for others. Thank you, Chairman CLEAVER. The great news is you're not retiring from this body and your leadership for America will continue.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS CHAIRMAN EMANUEL CLEAVER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. CLARKE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the outgoing chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, the Reverend and Representative EMANUEL CLEAVER, II, of Missouri, who is my colleague and good friend. Representative CLEAVER has graciously served with distinction in the House of Representatives and the Fifth Congressional District of Missouri for nearly 8 years.

He has been an outstanding chairman to the Congressional Black Caucus, ushering the caucus through its 40th anniversary. He cares deeply for all Americans—children, seniors, and the marginalized of our society. Who can forget his demonstrative leadership on the CBC Jobs Tour where tens of thousands of Americans lined up for an opportunity to present themselves to employers.

From creating economic opportunity, supporting quality education for all children, to ensuring equal access to health care for all Americans, Chairman CLEAVER has truly been the embodiment of the conscience of the Congress.

After the shooting of our colleague Gabrielle Giffords, her staff, and constituents in Tucson, Arizona, occurred, Chairman CLEAVER was one of the first people to call for civility and the end to the toxic rhetoric here in Washington.

Congressman CLEAVER led the effort to ensure that all citizens registered to