Mr. Speaker, I thank

the gentleman from California. I would

like to commend the bipartisan effort

of the International Relations Committee,

and thank you for the work

that you have done on this most important

issue.

I was just part of a bipartisan delegation

led by minority leader NANCY

PELOSI to the Sudan. Genocide is taking

place as we stand here today. We

met with Vice President Taha. He was

unapologetic, he was arrogant and he

was uncompromising on their position

in Darfur. They don’t like the use of

the word ‘‘genocide,’’ but he admitted

that they had funded the Janjaweed because

they retaliated against the rebels

of the south who were resisting the Sudanese

government.

We are on the right track. This Congress

has been good in helping to identify

that, number one, genocide is indeed

taking place. Over 200,000 people

have died.

We watched what happened in Rwanda.

We have noted over and over again

the atrocities of the Holocaust. Yet we

can’t seem to get the U.N. and others

to move fast enough to stop this genocide

that is taking place in Darfur.

I support this resolution today, this

Darfur Peace and Accountability Act

of 2006 today, because this will impose

sanctions on the government of Sudan

and it will block the assets of and restrict

travel for individuals who are responsible

for acts of genocide, war

crimes or crimes against humanity in

the Darfur region of Sudan. It is long

past due. We should be tough about it.

The sanctions movement is growing.

We need to squeeze them. We need to

make sure that we have the kinds of

actions that will be felt.

I was up in the camps. As far as the

eyes can see, millions of displaced persons

who have been driven from their

homes, driven from their camps, living

literally on the ground with little tarps

just covering them. It is unconscionable

that this should continue.

Again, I thank the International Relations

Committee.