Mr.

Speaker, let me again applaud the

International Relations Committee,

Chairman HYDE and the ranking member

for never stepping away from a

very difficult challenge on the international

arena.

Mr. SMITH, the chairman of the Subcommittee

on Africa, let me again acknowledge

your ongoing stand against

the brutalization of peoples who are

disenfranchised around this world and

taking the responsibility that this

moral Congress has, the one entity

that is looked upon around the world

for that extended helping hand.

I, too, traveled to Chad and to Sudan

and looked at this whole complex situation.

On the one hand, the Sudanese

government in a certain sense having a

mea culpa, ‘‘not me, not I.’’ The African

Union being somewhat helpless to

the extent that the charge they are

given is only to watch and to see. And

then in Chad, a country that is now

being in essence not destroyed, but certainly

charged and challenged with responsibilities

that they cannot handle,

thousands upon thousands of displaced

persons, many of them women and children.

I visited in the heat of the spring and

saw no water for the children to go to

school, women being raped as they

were leaving the camps to find survival,

the Chad economy not being able

to survive because of this enormous influx

of new human beings. Yet, the Sudanese

government continues, continues,

to deny.

Might I say that in the course of this

work, Mr. LANTOS, you know that I

have worked very hard to be, as many

Members of Congress, a bridge builder

between nations in the Mideast. But it

is important for our friends, our Arab

friends and our friends in China, to understand

that they are participants,

that they are doing all that is good; if

they become implementers or affirmers

of the genocide, that this excellent legislation

that has the handprint of the

outstanding gentleman from New Jersey,

Mr. PAYNE, who consistently has

been on the battlefield, along with, of

course, the excellent leadership of

Leader PELOSI, who passionately went

to the Sudan just a couple of months

ago with members of the Congressional

Black Caucus and others, who symbolize

the concern of this Congress,

that if they don’t understand our allies,

China being an emerging ally, certainly

the work we are trying to do in

the Mideast, that they are affirming

this disaster.

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Then they are not reading the tea

leaves. So I come to this floor acknowledging

the excellence of H.R. 3127, asking

for the other body to immediately

move forward. This is not a can-do

piece of legislation. This is an emergency

piece of legislation. And the

President, who should have listened to

Secretary Powell over a year ago, who

declared after we pressed as Members

of Congress, members of the congressional

black caucus in particular, that

genocide was going on, that it was crucial

that the genocide that is going on,

that Americans, Americans in every

corner of this particular nation would

be empathetic and sympathetic to say

stop this massive killing. And when I

say that, it is like horses going into

your suburban neighborhoods, men and

women or men on horses and attacking

your homes and sending you out of

your homes and burning your homes.

That is what is going on in Sudan.

So let me join in the sanctions of this

particular legislation, but let me say

to the gentleman on this floor, I do

think it is time to re-energize the

movement that expressed to the Sudanese

government by way of the embassy,

to be very honest with you, that

people be at the embassy to again express

our disappointment with their

lack of sensitivity. And then I must

say that what I intend to do is to begin

a movement of divestiture. I want to

see the investment houses of America

divest of any investment in the Sudan,

and we will begin this as others have

done in their States, and Texas needs

to hear my call. Get your money out of

Sudan. They are not listening. And the

only way that they can be heard or we

can be heard is the same way that

apartheid was destroyed in South Africa,

was to isolate them and to determine

that they cannot any longer murder

and pillage without impunity in

this particular country.

I thank the distinguished gentleman,

but I hope that we will be able to wage

an effort, a bipartisan effort of divestiture,

which ultimately brought South

Africa to its recognition, that of separation

of black and white and the brutality

that occurred had to stop, and

look at South Africa today. Sudan can

be the kind of nation we all can be

proud of.