Mr. Speaker, I rise

in support of H.R. 3127, the Darfur

Peace and Accountability Act of 2006. I

wish to thank my good friends and colleagues

on the House International Relations

Committee, in particular Chairman

HENRY HYDE and Ranking Member

TOM LANTOS. I would also like to thank

the honorable gentleman from New

Jersey, Representative DONALD PAYNE,

for his leadership on Darfur and peace

in Sudan, as well as my Massachusetts

colleague, and Co-Chair of the Sudan

Caucus, Representative MICHAEL

CAPUANO.

Mr. Speaker, the genocide in Darfur

is an affront to the world, and a challenge

to the moral and political leadership

of the U.S., the European Union,

the NATO Alliance, the African Union,

and the international community and

its representative body, the United Nations.

To date, we have failed, individually

and collectively, to rise and meet

this challenge.

Every day, the carnage continues.

Every day, villages are destroyed.

Every day, women and girls are

raped.

Every day, children are held in servitude.

Every day, the Sudanese government

in Khartoum and its terrorist allies,

the Janjaweed militias, sit fat and

happy, secure in their knowledge that

the world is all bark, and no bite—and

they continue their pillage and their

terror and their violent acts with impunity.

This bill, Mr. Speaker, attempts to

hold the Government of Sudan, its

leadership and its militia allies accountable

for their acts and their

crimes.

It is not enough, Mr. Speaker, but it

takes important steps to strengthen

current sanctions, increase the pressure

on Khartoum, demand greater

support for the African Union peacekeeping

mission (AMIS), and require

greater action by the international

community, including the U.S., to put

an end to the slaughter.

I wish the bill would have required

the establishment and enforcement of a

no-fly zone over Darfur, but at least it

includes a sense of Congress provision

in support of the no-fly zone. But I

warn you, Mr. Speaker, in the absence

of controlling the skies over Darfur,

government planes and helicopters will

continue to support and protect the

terrorist militias as they carry out

genocidal acts against the defenseless

population.

Mr. Speaker, everyone talks about

Darfur. For the past 3 years the world

has called what is happening in Darfur

genocide. And yet the situation continues,

the crisis worsens, the blood

continues to flow, smoke still rises

over the few remaining villages, refugees

from the region pour into overcrowded

camps, hunger and famine

stalk the refugees, and the conflict

spills over into neighboring countries.

We cannot continue to talk about

Darfur, yet turn our eyes away.

We cannot continue to talk about

Darfur, yet take no actions to stop the

killing.

I fear, Mr. Speaker, the peace of the

dead.

This is not an African problem, this

is a crime against humanity—all humanity—

our humanity.

I support H.R. 3127; it is a good step

in the right direction; but it is not

enough.

We in this Congress; we in this Nation;

we in this world have failed to

meet the test of Darfur—and we will

continue to fail until the killing stops,

peace is achieved, and the murderers—

and all those who aid and abet them—

are held accountable and brought to

justice.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R.

3127.