Mr. Speaker, I

appreciate the words of our Speaker,

the gentleman from Illinois (Mr.

HASTERT) this morning when he talked

about a day that would live in infamy,

referencing December 7.

I appreciate that we have an opportunity

now to do something to make

sure that this is not a day that lives in

infamy, because today another tragic

chapter is being written in Darfur in

the horrifying history of genocide,

which people on both sides of the aisle

have condemned.

Indeed, the violence appears to be

getting worse and 500 people a day are

dying. Somehow, the money for the

United States for the peacekeepers for

the African Union has disappeared

from the Foreign Operation Conference

Committee. This would be a tragedy, if

we did not meet our obligation to provide

at least 7,700 peacekeepers for an

area the size of Texas.

Every man and woman on the Hill

today should do something to make

sure that the Defense appropriation

bill is not finally approved without

meeting America’s obligation to stop

this genocide.