Mr. Speaker, it

is not often that we get everybody here

in Congress to agree. But we do agree

that Darfur’s continuing nightmare is

genocide. We have labeled it as such.

We have all condemned it. The problem

is we are not acting to stop it.

The foreign ops appropriations

inexplicably dropped $50 million in conference

that would have gone to support

peacekeepers from the African

Union. We often use this opportunity

here today to talk to the American

people.

Well, today I am talking to the 8,000

men and women on Capitol Hill who

make things happen in Congress. Do

not go home unless you ask what your

office, your committee, your boss, your

Member of Congress is going to do to

stop the murder, the rape, the destruction

and the violence.

At the very least, work to restore the

$50 million in the defense appropriations

so that 7,700 African Union peace

keepers can be on the job. 7,700 people

for an area the size of Texas does not

sound like too much. It is the least we

can do as we enter the holiday season.