Mr. Speaker,

the words ‘‘never again’’ ring hollow

today. It was exactly 3 years ago

that we declared that what was happening

in Darfur was genocide, and yet

we have basically stood on the sidelines

for these last 3 years. Lots of

words, but no meaningful action.

What we said was that we would deny

the Government of Sudan access to oil

revenues and extend American business

sanctions on Sudan. But we haven’t

done either in any meaningful way.

Hundreds of thousands of people, innocent

people, killed; millions made

homeless while we have sat on our

hands.

Oil accounts for 70 percent of Sudan’s

total exports. And do you know that 70

percent of Sudan’s oil profits fund their

military? And China buys much of

their oil.

In fact, China is Sudan’s largest trading

partner. We could have enormous

leverage over China if we chose to use

it, but we choose not to. So when the

Chinese Premier goes over to Sudan,

instead of telling him this is wrong, he

offers to build more palaces for President

Bashir. Let’s get serious. Let’s not

allow genocide to continue in the 21st

century.