Mr. Speaker, I rise today to

encourage my colleagues to support the

Darfur Accountability and Divestment Act of

2007, H.R. 180.

The passage of this bill will require the identification

of companies that conduct business

operations in Sudan and prohibit the United

States Government to contract with such companies.

The atrocities in Sudan have only continued

to escalate. The U.S. Government must

cut ties with a government that fails to address

the genocide within its own boundaries. The

Government of Sudan has not put any action

to disarm the Janjaweed militia and is therefore

equally responsible for the human rights

violations against Darfurians.

An estimated 450,000 people have been

killed, and 2 million people have been displaced—

234,000 of which have been forced

into neighboring Chad. Janjaweed soldiers

continue to ride into villages stealing whatever

goods they can find, slaughtering men,

women, and children along the way. These

soldiers systematically rape women and children,

holding some as sex slaves for weeks at

a time before releasing them.

Colleagues, we are in a position to help

stop the carnage in Darfur. We must continue

to pressure the Government of Sudan to stop

the massacre in Darfur. Enforcing economic

sanctions is a way to achieve this goal. I urge

you all, for the sake of humanity, to support

the Darfur Accountability and Divestment Act.

We are not blind to the truth and we have a

responsibility to do our part to alleviate this

awful tragedy.