Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I would just

like to commend you for your extraordinary work on this legislation.

I want to associate myself with the comments of both of my

friends, Mr. Payne and Mr. Smith, and I would like to add a personal

note.

It seems ages ago, although it was only many months ago, that

I had the privilege on the Democratic side of managing the debate

on our legislation designating what is unfolding in Darfur a genocide.

I have some personal experience with genocides, and I am

pleased that, at long last, we are moving with this singularly important

bill.

It is unconscionable that the civilized world would stand aside as

vast numbers of utterly innocent men, women, and children are

slaughtered by the Arab militias with the connivance and support

of the government. I trust that our legislation will finally move the

process forward and will bring to justice the perpetrators of this

nightmare. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.