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Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the words of our Speaker, Dennis 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 and 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 United States funding for the African Union peacekeepers in Darfur has disappeared from the Foreign Operations conference committee. This would be a tragedy, if we did not meet our obligation to provide at least 7,700 peacekeepers in an area the size of Texas. Every man and woman on the Hill today should do something to make sure the Defense Appropriations bill is not finally approved without meeting America's obligation to stop this genocide.