

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. 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.

NEW TEXAS SHERIFF IN TOWN

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, in Bastrop County, Texas, there is a new sheriff in town. Over a dozen candidates were interviewed, and at the end, the last man standing was a woman. Becoming the third female sheriff in Texas, Rosanna Abreo became the first female sheriff in county history.

Rosanna is anything but an ordinary candidate. She has 17 years of experience in Texas law enforcement. Throughout her law enforcement career, she served at the Lubbock Police Department in west Texas and the Texas Department of Public Safety, where she served as a State trooper, a special crimes investigator, and a member of the DPS SWAT team, rising to the rank of lieutenant.

This Texas lawwoman is educationally accomplished as well, achieving a bachelor's degree, a master's degree and now a law degree, having passed the bar exam last May. Criminals and outlaws should be aware of this new Texas sheriff that is the enforcer of the law in her county.

Today, I congratulate Sheriff Abreo on her sound dedication to public safety, making her a role model for all peace officers in our State. Texas is proud of its new Lone Star sheriff.

And that's just the way it is.

WE NEED TO WIN THE WAR ON DRUGS

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, last night, this House had a proposal before it to prohibit the DEA from enforcing Federal laws on medical marijuana patients in the 12 States where the public has legalized medical marijuana. Unfortunately, it failed.

I voted for the proposal. Why did I vote for the proposal? Yes, I'm compassionate about people who have multiple sclerosis and AIDS and cancer who can benefit, Parkinson's disease and glaucoma who can benefit from medical marijuana. Yes, I voted for it because I believe in States' rights and I believe in Justice Brandeis and the laboratories of democracy and to see how things work in other States and be able to adjust and see how they should work in other States, but also because I believe the DEA shouldn't be busting medical marijuana houses and stores in Los Angeles. They should be working in my community to eliminate and eradicate methamphetamine, crack and other drugs that are ravaging my community and causing a crime problem in Memphis, Tennessee, and throughout this country.

The DEA has not been effective at controlling the war on drugs. We need to win it. I would like that to happen.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 3026, THE MILITARY SPOUSES MEMORIAL ACT

(Mrs. DRAKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. DRAKE. Mr. Speaker, I come today to honor those who have sacrificed so much in the defense of the freedoms we Americans often take for granted.

We are all appreciative of the heroic sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform. However, there was little recognition given to the military spouses who provide the backbone of our armed services.

Recently, I introduced H.R. 3026, the Military Spouses Memorial Act of 2007, which provides the authority to establish in our Nation's Capitol a memorial commemorating the selfless sacrifice of military spouses from 1776 to the present day. This memorial will honor the husbands and wives that tend to the home front and lend our servicemembers the support they need as they serve in the defense of freedom.

I encourage all my colleagues to lend their support to H.R. 3026 and ensure that the sacrifices of our military spouses are recognized.

WE MUST SAVE DARFUR

(Ms. LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, 3 years ago this week, Congress formally declared that genocide was taking place in Darfur, and Congressman DON PAYNE is owed a debt of gratitude for leading this effort.

While much has been done since then to push pressure on Khartoum, the genocide still rages. Our young people and the faith community have tirelessly reminded us of this.

I was in Darfur earlier this year for the third time, and let me tell you, it is getting worse. We passed a number of bills in Congress imposing sanctions urging our allies like China and the League of Arab States to get involved, but we must do more.

Today, with the help of our good friend and great leader, Chairman BARNEY FRANK, the Financial Services Committee Chair, we will take another step toward marking up my bill, H.R. 180, the Darfur Accountability and Divestment Act, which authorizes States to divest from Sudan and bans new Federal contracts with companies doing business with the genocidal regime in Khartoum. We must keep the pressure on President Bashir and insist on unfettered access for the United Nations and African Union, and we must save Darfur.

PRESIDENT BUSH, PARDON COMPEAN AND RAMOS

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of border agents Ramos and Compean, and I believe we should know why U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton has thumbed his nose at a House panel and refuses to testify on why he protected a Mexican drug smuggler over our own border agents.

Johnny Sutton gave a confirmed drug runner free access to cross our border on condition he would not smuggle drugs again, but he has. Johnny Sutton found out the witness was running drugs, but still let him testify as an innocent victim. By allowing the drug runner to testify, Johnny Sutton let a known liar testify against our own border agents. Johnny Sutton must testify under oath why he did this.

In view of this new evidence, President Bush should pardon Compean and Ramos today. They did not get a fair trial, and the punishment did not fit the crime. This case is a travesty to our justice system. Fix it, Mr. President.

COMMEMORATING THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF CONGRESSIONAL DECLARATION OF GENOCIDE IN DARFUR

(Mr. CAPUANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the third anniversary of the congressional declaration of genocide in Darfur. It's not a happy occasion; it's a sad one. And I hope we don't have to do this again next year or any time after that.

I also want to thank the American people, the American taxpayers and the American activists in this country who have kept the pressure on us, on the administration, on the United Nations and on the world to try to stop this genocide.

I have been to Darfur, and I will tell you that as an American taxpayer you can't be more proud than when you look out, and unfortunately these poor people have been chased out of their homes, and families killed and massacred, but at least when you look out, all of their shelters are covered with U.S. flags. Now, it's because we have to send all the aid to feed and take care of them. But those shelters are made out of the bags that carry the wheat and the rice that feeds them.

The American people are doing our job. The administration is doing something, but not enough. The U.N. is doing way too little. And I hope that next year we won't have to come back and do this.

FARM BILL DOES DISSERVICE TO AMERICANS

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, as a Member of Congress from the heartland, I have supported the farm bill in the past. Regrettably, the 2007 farm bill that we will consider this week is a deeply flawed piece of legislation. It combines traditional agricultural programs with the misplaced priorities of the Democratic Congress. Tax increases, budget gimmicks, workplace restrictions, and a public union provision that offends States' rights, and I cannot support it.

This farm bill is a disservice to American farmers and an attack on hurting families in the State of Indiana.

At the behest of one of the Nation's largest public employee unions, the Democrat Congress added language to this bill that will prohibit States from working with private companies to improve the administration of welfare services. Since Indiana is leading the Nation in improving welfare services through these partnerships, this bill is bad for Indiana, bad for hurting families, and bad for Hoosier taxpayers.

In the interest of federalism, it's imperative that Congress give State governments the freedom to innovate in the delivery of food stamps and other welfare programs to benefit recipients and improve services.

I will vote against this farm bill because it raises taxes, busts the budget, and does a great disservice to our most hurting Americans.

LET THIS BE LAST TIME WE MARK ANNIVERSARY OF GENOCIDE IN DARFUR

(Ms. SCHAKOWSKY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, 3 years ago, the Congress named the humanitarian crisis in Darfur as genocide. Naming is really important, because once we've acknowledged the hundreds of thousands of innocent lives that have been lost there, we have a responsibility to act. And yet the disastrous crisis continues on today.

I visited Darfur. I've seen the situation on the ground. And now the high-tech GPS satellites and mass media allow everyone to bear witness to the tragedies in Darfur; the burnt holes where villages used to be, the mass migrations of internally displaced, starving children, victims of rape.

I want to thank the student groups, the faith organizations and the Americans around the country who have worked to raise this issue's profile and to keep Darfur on the agenda.

Last month, the Sudanese Government allowed a combined U.N.-African Union peacekeeping force. The Democratic majority approved \$949 million in humanitarian aid, but we have to go further. Let this be the last time we mark the anniversary of genocide.

RECOGNIZING JIM NUSSLE'S NOMINATION AS DIRECTOR OF OMB

(Mr. SESSIONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that President Bush has selected a man of great integrity and one of our former colleagues who served in this Congress to lead the Office of Management and Budget, Jim Nussle. His chairmanship of the House Budget Committee gave us an opportunity to witness the expertise and responsible use of taxpayer dollars that he will bring to the OMB.

During his tenure in this body, Chairman Nussle's work made a positive impact on countless Americans. Without his hard work and leadership, the Family Opportunity Act, which provides badly needed medical care to children with disabilities, would never have become law.

To recognize Chairman Nussle's incredible talents, one should look no further than the very kind comments made by Chairman Nussle's former colleague across the aisle, my friend, Chairman JOHN SPRATT. He said, "Jim was a fair and honorable chairman. In selecting Jim Nussle to succeed Rob Portman, the President is replacing one able and knowledgeable man with another."

I congratulate President Bush on this astute choice. I wish Chairman Nussle the very best during his confirmation hearing today at the Senate Budget Committee.

ANNIVERSARY OF DECLARATION OF GENOCIDE IN DARFUR

(Mr. DOYLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, 3 years ago, Congress declared the atrocities in Darfur to be acts of genocide. Since acknowledging this genocide, we have implemented unilateral sanctions against the Sudanese Government. We've authorized funds for peacekeeping and humanitarian assistance in the region. We've called for concerted international action to end the abominations in Darfur, yet the genocide continues.

There have been 400,000 people killed, 2.5 million have been forced out of their homes, and 1 million continue to live under the constant threat of bombing, rapes, murder and torture by government troops and the janjaweed militias.

International diplomacy has failed to force Sudanese President al-Bashir to stop pursuing his genocidal policies.

We cannot afford to fail anymore. Every possible means must be employed to pressure the Sudanese Government to allow the rapid deployment of an international peacekeeping force large enough to protect the civilian population in Darfur.

EXPRESSING OUTRAGE AT CONTINUED VIOLENCE AND GENOCIDE IN DARFUR

(Mrs. LOWEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a statement in the RECORD expressing outrage at the continued violence and genocide in Darfur.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today burdened by many emotions—sadness, disappointment, frustration and most of all, anger. Anger because it has been three years since Congress declared the atrocities occurring in Darfur to be genocide—and yet the violence continues. Anger because 2.5 million people are still displaced—living in camps, unable to return to their homes. Anger because humanitarian workers are even more endangered today—unable to deliver vital services to large swathes of the population. And anger because not a single individual has been brought to justice for these crimes.

The crisis in Darfur requires sustained diplomatic action—including international pressure on those nations that support the Sudanese regime and allow President Bashir to equivocate on his promises.

It is unacceptable that 3 years have passed and there is still insufficient protection for civilians on the ground.

The AU/UN force must be deployed immediately. There is no time to waste. The people of Darfur have waited long enough.

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METHAMPHETAMINE KINGPIN ELIMINATION ACT OF 2007

(Mr. SMITH of Nebraska asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as we consider the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related