

Cuts to Pentagon could help pay for food programs

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Two articles in The Star (June 6) caught my attention because one presented a possible solution to the problem raised by the other. Bill Stanczykiewicz, in “Kids go hungry when school ends,” reminded us that the end of school leaves nearly half of Indiana’s schoolchildren hungry until school resumes and they can again receive school meals. Thank goodness for the Summer Food Service Program and the private charity of local food pantries. However, due to the high demand, these efforts are not nearly good enough. The help of the federal government is still crucial to feed the hungry in the U.S.

The second article (“House moves on military bill, rejects cuts Pentagon wants”) states, “Despite congressional clamor to cut the deficit, the House Committee bill rejects several Pentagon attempts to save money.” This thinking is ludicrous and hypocritical. The Republican-dominated U.S. House of Representatives recently voted to reduce allocations for food stamps for the poor in order to help reduce the deficit. Reducing the Pentagon budget is a logical way to help pay for programs for the poor. Yet, even when the Pentagon offers ways to save, our congressmen reject the suggestions. This is ridiculous.

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