

**PERSIAN GULF WAR VETERANS—
VETERANS' AFFAIRS' TREATMENT**

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Veterans' Affairs' provision of treatment for Persian Gulf war veterans with difficult to diagnose and ill-defined conditions. Testimony was heard from Stephen P. Backhus, Director, Veterans' Affairs and Military Health Care Issues, GAO; Maj. Charles C. Engel, Jr., M.D., USA, Chief, Gulf War Health Center, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Department of the Army; Kenneth Kizer, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and a public witness.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D618)

S. 543, to provide certain protections to volunteers, nonprofit organizations, and governmental entities in lawsuits based on the activities of volunteers. Signed June 18, 1997. (P.L. 105-19)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
JUNE 20, 1997**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation to provide for reconciliation pursuant to H. Con. Res. 84, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1998 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, 10 a.m., SD-608.

House

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, to continue markup of Financial Modernization legislation, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, to report Reconciliation Recommendations pursuant to the Fiscal Year 1998 Budget Resolution, 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, to markup the following: the Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act; and H.R. 1835, Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Task Force on Ethics Reform, hearing on Ethics Reform proposals, 9:30 a.m., H-313 Capitol.