## **House Committee Looks at CDC Funding**

On March 6 Dr. Tim Wheeler, Director of The Claremont Institute's Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership, testified in Washington to the congressional committee in charge of appropriations for the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC). Funding for the controversial agency, a part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), has come under review of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education.



The subcommittee heard testimony from Wheeler concerning the NCIPC's tendency to fund research only by authors who advocate against private firearms ownership by ordinary citizens. Also shown to the subcommittee was a gun prohibitionist group's newsletter, funded by the CDC, which advised readers to engage in political activism against gun owners. Wheeler asked the subcommittee to withdraw funding for

the NCIPC until Americans can be sure that it has renounced the passions of politics for the honesty of science.

Also testifying at the House subcommittee hearing were, Dr. William C. Waters IV of Doctors for Integrity in Policy Research, Inc.; Dr. Miguel Faria, past editor of the Journal of the Medical Association of Georgia; and civil rights attorney Don B. Kates, Jr. Kates is the author of a Spring 1995 Tennessee Law Review article on the public health literature concerning firearms. That article and entire Second Amendment Symposium Issue of the Tennessee Law Review are both available through The Claremont Institute.

