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Committee on Claims  
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As a result of such negligent failures I was caused to suffer damage to my home located adjacent to the War Memorial, because of a beer bottle thrown through two windows and a screen by student participants of the music festival. I was caused a great deal of inconvenience, loss of time, cancellation of appointments, rescheduling of week-end; and much concern and to incur expenses as follows:

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| Total                            |              | \$72.03 |

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May 3, 1976

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