



B.C. GOVERNMENT BILLS are garbage, proclaimed a group of 25 West Kootenay Solidarity Coalition demonstrators in front of Nelson's provincial government building Wednesday noon. "We think these bills are garbage so we're treating them like garbage," overall-clad protestors proclaimed as they lit brown-paper replicas of the 26 controversial bills aflame, depositing them tidily in an aluminum garbage can they brought along for the purpose. The group voiced their objections the effects of the new legislation — terminations of B.C. human rights caseworkers, abolition of the rentalsman's office, terminations of consumer-complaint workers, increased hospital user fees, reduced funding for schools designed to cut the number of teachers and thereby boost the pupil-teacher ratio, and termination of family service workers in the B.C. ministry of human resources. These changes, they said, will have an adverse effect on women, children, the elderly and the poor.