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## *Red Tape Review*

### **Regulations by the Numbers for 2011:**

<b>262 Days:</b>	Since the President's Executive Order on Regulations
<b>88 Days:</b>	Since the President's Executive Order on Regulations for Independent Agencies
<b>1 Rule:</b>	Repealed this year – spilled milk not considered an oil spill
<b>480 Rules:</b>	Regulations deemed significant under Executive Order 12866
<b>\$80.4B:</b>	Cost of regulatory burdens from new rules for the year
<b>62596 Pages:</b>	Pages of regulations in the Federal Register so far this year
<b>81.9 Million:</b>	Hours of annual paperwork burden

In a [victory](#) for net neutrality opponents, a judicial panel chose the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals in a random lottery Thursday to decide where the net neutrality case will be heard. *The D.C. Circuit court is considered the most likely to overturn the controversial net neutrality.*

Senate Republicans are fighting for common sense solutions to regulations such as [Sen. Rob Portman's Regulatory Accountability Act, S. 1606](#), which reforms the current rulemaking process to lower the costs and improve the quality of new regulations.

**[POLITICO: Regulations Stifle Economic Growth:](#)** In sports, time-outs are called to give athletes a chance to catch their breaths and make better decisions about the next play. *American workers and businesses are the athletes in a global competition that we must win. They need a time-out from excessive regulation so that America can get back to work.* (U.S. Senator Ron Johnson and John Allison, October 4, 2011)

**[WALL STREET JOURNAL: House Votes to Rewrite EPA Rules on Cement Plants:](#)** *If the bill approved Thursday became law, the EPA would have to rescind existing rules for toxic emissions from cement kilns and revise them in a way that is less burdensome to the industry.* The bills would also give those facilities at least five additional years to comply. (October 6, 2011)

**[WASHINGTON TIMES: Truckers Seek Brake on New Rules:](#)** "These costs will affect not only the trucking industry, but every business shipping and receiving goods," Mr. Boehner and Mr. Cantor wrote. *The two Republican leaders cited an estimated \$1 billion in increased costs that the big-rig business will face if the "regulatory burden" is put in place.* (October 6, 2011)

**DAYTONA BEACH NEWS-JOURNAL: Obama Should Compromise with GOP on Regulations:** *If the president wants to scrape together a job-stimulating compromise package, he needs to approve and fold into his act two bills from the Republican-controlled House of Representatives.* The two bills are the EPA Regulatory Relief Act and the Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act. (October 4, 2011)

**USA TODAY: Obama Claims Miss Some Evidence:** The U.S. Chamber of Commerce last month submitted a jobs proposal to Obama that included a call to ease regulations on businesses.. The Chamber... said: *“Immediate regulatory relief is required in order to begin moving \$1 trillion-\$2 trillion in accumulated private capital off of the sidelines and into business expansion.”* (October 6, 2011)

### ***GOP Solutions to Red Tape***

**Portman Introduces Bill to Reduce Onerous Red Tape on Job Creators (S. 1606)**

**Collins Calls for “Time Out” from Burdensome Federal Regulations (S. 1538)**

**Johanns Legislation Would Curb Federal Regulations on Job Creators (S. 1531, S. 1530, S. 1528)**

**Rubio, Cornyn, Hutchison Look to Shut Down Proposed IRS Reporting Rule (S. 1506)**

**Johnson Introduces Regulation Moratorium and Job Preservation Act (S. 1438)**

**Collins Introduces Bill to Give EPA Adequate Time to Implement Boiler MACT Rule (S. 1392)**

**Toomey Introduces Employment Protection Act (S. 1292)**

**Barrasso Introduces Employment Impact Act (S. 1219)**

**Portman Introduces Measure to Reduce Red Tape on Job Creators (S. 1189)**

**Inhofe Releases Senate Report Exposing the High Cost of EPA’s Water Regulations and Their Impacts on State and Local Budgets**

**Rubio Calls on Senate to Act on Amendment Defunding Job-Destroying EPA Mandate (S. Amdt. 435)**

**Senators Introduce Keeping Politics Out of Federal Contracting Act (S. 1100)**

**Vitter Introduces Bill to Put “Moratorium” on Agencies Over-Regulating (S. 927)**

**Alexander, Graham, DeMint Introduce Job Protection Act (S. 964)**

**DeMint Pushes to Repeal Dodd-Frank Financial Takeover (S. 712)**

**Enzi Backs Constitutional Amendment to Give Power Back to the States (S.J. Res. 12)**

**Senate Republican Jobs Plan: An Outline for Creating American Jobs and Prosperity**

**Moran Introduces Bill to Reform Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (S. 737)**

**Inhofe, Johanns Introduce “Comprehensive Assessment of Regulations on the Economy (CARE) Act” (S. 609)**

**Collins Introduces “Clearing Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens (CURB) Act” (S. 602)**

**Snowe, Coburn Introduce the “Small Business Regulatory Freedom Act” (S. 474)**

**Roberts Introduces “Regulatory Responsibility for our Economy Act” (S. 358)**

**Paul Introduces REINS Act (S. 299)**