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## *Red Tape Review*

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

**304 Days:** Since the President's Executive Order on Regulations  
**130 Days:** Since the President's Executive Order on Regulations for Independent Agencies  
**1 Rule:** Repealed this year – spilled milk not considered an oil spill  
**739 Rules\*:** [Revised](#) regulations deemed significant under Executive Order 12866  
**\$93.2B:** Cost of regulatory burdens from new rules for the year  
**71864 Pages:** Pages of regulations in the Federal Register so far this year  
**118.8 Million:** Hours of annual paperwork burden

\* Two weeks ago, we noted there were 526 significant rules in the Federal Register. The Federal Register now reports 739 significant rules. At this time we are unable to account for the increase in significant regulations.

This week, the Supreme Court of the United States announced that it will take up the constitutionality of the President's health-care law. While the court battle will be decided next year, the regulations implementing Obamacare continue to roll out. Since the passage of the health-care law, the Administration has issued over 50 implementing regulations containing 1,568,482 words. The actual law, as big as it was, is only 425,116 words. Obamacare's implementing regulations so far are [350 percent](#) the length of the law itself.

Senate Republicans are fighting for common sense solutions to regulations such as [Sen. Thune's "Access to Capital for Job Creators Act," S. 1831](#), which will eliminate an onerous SEC provision that prevents small businesses from attracting capital.

**[WALL STREET JOURNAL: Obama's Oil Abdication:](#)** *Our nation's best option is not to lag but to lead on offshore development—not only so that we can show others how it's done, but also to ensure our own protection and prosperity.* The time for that leadership is now, not at some more politically convenient time after next year's election. (U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski, November 14, 2011)

**[DETROIT NEWS: Price Tag of 2025's Fuel Efficiency Standards: \\$157 Billion:](#)** *The hike - outlined in a nearly 900-page proposal -- comes on top of the \$51.5 billion price tag for 2012-2016 rules that boosted by more than 30 percent requirements to a fleet-wide average of 34.1 mpg by model year 2016. It's one of the most expensive - if not the most expensive regulation in U.S. history.* (November 16, 2011)

**LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL: Reid Says Regulations Don't Kill Jobs:** The economy is still hurting, and unemployment is still high, because new jobs aren't being created. *New and expanded regulations don't encourage job creation. Reducing the cost of regulation by slashing the existing bureaucracy and blocking new rules would help create jobs.* That's how things work in Nevada, anyway. Apparently, things look different from inside the Beltway. (November 17, 2011)

**NEW YORK TIMES: Re-election Strategy Is Tied to a Shift on Smog:** *The full retreat on the smog standard was the first and most important environmental decision of the presidential campaign season that is now fully under way.* An examination of that decision...illustrates the new calculus on political and policy shifts as the White House sharpens its focus on the president's re-election. (November 16, 2011)

**POLITICO: EPA Poised to Roll Out 2012 Agenda:** *The Obama Environmental Protection Agency will have a busy 2012, proposing, finalizing, implementing and defending one rule after another, right through Election Day.* Just don't expect the rules' real-world impact to play out before next November — whether those turn out to be job losses, job creation or both. (November 14, 2011)

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

**Thune Introduces Bipartisan Bill to Increase Access to Capital for Job Creators (S. 1831)**

**Heller Bill Streamlines Permit Process for Job Creators (S. 1844)**

**Heller Advocates for FCC Reform (S. 1780, S. 1784)**

**Shelby Introduces Financial Regulatory Responsibility Act (S. 1615)**

**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 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](#)

[Rubio Calls on Senate to Act on 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 \(S. 299\)](#)