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## *Red Tape Review*

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

<b>290 Days:</b>	Since the President's Executive Order on Regulations
<b>116 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	Repealed this year – spilled milk not considered an oil spill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>526 Rules:</b>	Regulations deemed significant under Executive Order 12866
<b>\$85.2B:</b>	Cost of regulatory burdens from new rules for the year
<b>68624 Pages:</b>	Pages of regulations in the Federal Register so far this year
<b>88.8 Million:</b>	Hours of annual paperwork burden

Last week, the World Bank released its annual “Doing Business” [report](#). *In 2007, the U.S. ranked third in the “ease of starting a business” category. This year it ranks 13<sup>th</sup>, trailing the likes of Macedonia, Georgia, Rwanda and Saudi Arabia. “Two-thirds of net new jobs are created by (small businesses). Yet it’s the *small and new businesses* that *are being choked by government policy.*”*

Senate Republicans are fighting for common sense solutions to regulations such as [Sen. Heller's “Telecommunications Jobs Act of 2011,” S. 1780 and S. 1784](#), which calls for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to use cost-benefit analysis when writing rules, demands it obtain more input from the industry it oversees when writing new regulations, and requires the FCC to publish proposed new rules before voting on them.

**[POLITICO: Why Small Businesses Matter](#)**: *Since 2005, new federal rules costing in excess of \$100 million have increased by 60 percent.* Regulation has had a disproportionately negative impact on small businesses. *Smaller firms pay 37 percent more in compliance than their larger counterparts.* (November 1, 2011)

**[REUTERS: U.S. Auto Dealers Fight Obama Fuel Rules](#)**: U.S. auto dealers are working to undo the Obama administration's fuel efficiency agenda, replacing car companies that for years kept such mandates at bay with the help of allies in Congress. *For the 2012-2016 standards finalized last year, that culminate in an average fleet efficiency of 35 mpg, regulators estimate an average cost increase to consumers of \$950.* (November 2, 2011)

**REAL CLEAR MARKETS: Yes, Regulation Does Keep Unemployment High:** *There are more than 4,200 new rules at various stages of the federal regulatory pipeline right now. Companies, especially the ones too small to afford a Washington office, don't know what's coming next. No wonder they are skittish about making long-term investments, whether in employees or capital.* (October 31, 2011)

**FOX NEWS: There's a War on America's Biggest Energy Resource – And Jobs Are the Casualties:** *According to one recent study, pending and recently finalized power plant rules could cost 183,000 jobs per year nationwide through 2020, or 1.65 million job-years in total. And in a coal-producing state like Kentucky, regulations that discourage the use of coal jeopardize the 18,000 mining jobs across the state as well as the communities that depend on them.* (November 1, 2011)

**WASHINGTON TIMES: Correcting Dodd-Frank:** *Tucked into the 2,300 pages of the Dodd-Frank Act is one such regulatory burden that, if enforced, would literally put a stop to many manufacturing jobs in Ohio and the rest of the country. This provision opened credit-rating agencies to costly lawsuits and forced them to stop bond issuers from publicly releasing their ratings...as a result, the entire asset-backed-securities market in the United States shut down right after Dodd-Frank was signed into law.* (November 1, 2011)

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

**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 \(S. 299\)](#)