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## *Red Tape Review*

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

<b>318 Days:</b>	Since the President's Executive Order on Regulations
<b>144 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	Repealed this year – spilled milk not considered an oil spill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>760 Rules:</b>	Regulations deemed significant under Executive Order 12866
<b>\$230.1B*:</b>	Cost of regulatory burdens from new rules for the year
<b>75770 Pages:</b>	Pages of regulations in the Federal Register so far this year
<b>119.4 Million:</b>	Hours of annual paperwork burden.

\*The increase in costs for the year is due to [proposed new fuel efficiency rules for light trucks and cars](#). The cost of this rule is \$141.4 billion.

Today, the Environmental Protection Agency released the long-awaited [revised](#) Boiler MACT standards. This proposal makes changes to the March 2011 final rule that had bipartisan opposition. The new EPA standard costs about \$2.3 billion a year and requires changes to approximately 200,000 boilers and incinerators around the country.

Senate Republicans are fighting for common sense solutions to regulations such as [Sen. Isakson's "Representation Fairness Restoration Act," S. 1843](#), which would reverse NLRB's recent decision to allow "mini-unions" to engage in collective bargaining.

**[WALL STREET JOURNAL: Rule to Speed Union Votes Moves Forward](#)**: The National Labor Relations Board on Wednesday approved... a proposal that would speed up union-organizing elections, in a vote marked by dissent from the board's lone Republican. *The approval of the rules... would usher in some of the most sweeping changes to the union-organizing election process since 1947.* (December 1, 2011)

**[THE HILL: The REINS Act Ends Unchecked Bureaucratic Power](#)**: *Ultimately, the REINS Act is about whether we want to continue turning over control of our economic lives to unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats, or whether our elected representatives - under the watchful eyes of American citizens - will make these decisions themselves.* (December 2, 2011)

**WASHINGTON TIMES: Business Groups Slam Bid to Trim Truckers' Hours:** *A proposed Obama administration rule to reduce the number of hours big-rig drivers can spend behind the wheel each day would hurt truckers while also driving up the cost of food, clothing and other products*, industry leaders told a House subcommittee on Wednesday. (November 30, 2011)

**RED STATE: Obama's Labor Department Looks To Take The 'Family' Out of Family Farms:** Under a proposed "dramatic updating" of the nation's child labor regulations, the Department of Labor is considering eliminating many of the tasks that children and young adults do on their family's farm. While many might view this as merely a simple example of bureaucratic overreach, *diminishing a family's ability to actually tend to their farm as a family could put many of them out of business since they could be forced to hire workers to fulfill the chores that their children are doing*. (November 29, 2011)

**DETROIT NEWS: Lawmaker Seeks Fuel Regulation Answers:** The chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee wants the chief executives of 15 major automakers to answer detailed questions about the government's 2017-25 proposed fuel economy regulations. *It's the latest sign that the committee is ramping up its investigation into the government's proposal to hike fuel standards to 54.5 miles per gallon by 2025, a proposal the White House says will cost the auto industry \$157 billion*. (November 30, 2011)

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

**Isakson Introduces Legislation to Reverse Decision to Allow "Mini Unions" (S. 1843)**

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