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## *Red Tape Review*

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

<b>207 Days:</b>	Since Obama's Executive Order on Regulations
<b>33 Days:</b>	Since Obama's Executive Order on Regulations for Independent Agencies
<b>1 Rule:</b>	Repealed this year – spilled milk not considered an oil spill
<b>389 Rules:</b>	Major regulations proposed or enacted this year
<b>\$64.9B:</b>	Cost of regulatory burdens from new rules for the year
<b>50402 Pages:</b>	Pages of regulations in the Federal Register so far this year
<b>47.2 Million:</b>	Hours of annual paperwork burden

On August 8, the EPA released its controversial Interstate Transport of Fine Particulate Matter and Ozone (Transport Rule). *Much like the lengthy title, the massive new rule imposes huge burdens. The highlights: a staggering 276 pages; up to 3,000 lost jobs; 185,000 paperwork burden hours, or 21 years of compliance; and, \$2.7 billion in private-sector costs.*

**NEW YORK POST: Obama's War on Coal:** *President Obama claims to see the need to create jobs at this time of endless 9-plus percent unemployment -- yet his administration continues to relentlessly destroy jobs for ideological reasons.* The best example may be the Obama Environmental Protection Agency's "war on coal." (August 9, 2011)

**BLOOMBERG: Obama May Seek to Reduce Truck Emissions by 20%, ATA Says:** While the American Trucking Associations and the truck makers have supported the rules, *the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association says the new standards will make it harder for its small-business members to survive.* (August 8, 2011)

**THE HILL: GOP Jobs Plan Targets Federal Regulations:** *Congressional Republicans and aides confirmed that regulations are going to be at the top of the GOP agenda next month as the party looks to counter the White House's drive for jobs legislation* addressing taxes and infrastructure. (August 6, 2011)

**NATIONAL REVIEW: Dodd-Frank: Wrong, Wrong, Wrong:** The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act...is over 2,300 pages long, and *almost all aspects of it are misdirected and offensive, starting with its portentous title, and including the improbability of its co-authors as sources of such righteous commercial meddling.* (August 11, 2011)

**WASHINGTON TIMES: Finally Free from Government Servitude:** Given the costliness of the regulatory state (it totals perhaps half the level of federal spending itself) the potential for abuse and unintended harmful effects, reform belongs on policymakers' agendas. *Rampant delegation of legislative power to unelected bureaucrats violates the fundamental constitutional principle of representative government.* (August 11, 2011)

**WALL STREET JOURNAL: Obama's New Gifts to Organized Labor:** *The Obama administration recently proposed a pair of rules to help unions win workplace elections...a proposal of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) to enable unions to force organizing elections with as little as 10 days' notice.* Critical issues governing the election -- such as which employees may vote -- would be determined in a hearing just a week after the union petitions for a vote. (August 9, 2011)

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

**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)**

**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**

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

**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)**