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Red Tape Review

Regulations by the Numbers for 2011:

241 Days:	Since the President's Executive Order on Regulations
67 Days:	Since the President's Executive Order on Regulations for Independent Agencies
1 Rule:	Repealed this year – spilled milk not considered an oil spill
443 Rules:	Regulations deemed significant under Executive Order 12866
\$79.4B:	Cost of regulatory burdens from new rules for the year
57896 Pages:	Pages of regulations in the Federal Register so far this year
80.8 Million:	Hours of annual paperwork burden

After rushing to finalize “Net Neutrality” regulations last December, nine months later, *the Office of Management and Budget has cleared the way for the [regulations](#) to go into the Federal Register*. The rule will regulate the internet for the first time in history, and places government as the gatekeeper of internet services.

Senate Republicans are fighting for common sense solutions such as *Sen. Susan Collins' bill, the “Regulatory Time-Out Act,” [S. 1538](#)*, which would impose a one year moratorium on “significant” new rules costing more than \$100 million from going into effect; *Sen. Mike Johanns' bill, [S. 1531](#)*, which would put a freeze on new regulations through 2013; and, *Sen. Ron Johnson's bill, the “Regulation Moratorium and Job Preservation Act,” [S. 1438](#)*, which calls for a moratorium on burdensome federal regulations until the national unemployment rate falls to 7.7 percent.

*Newspapers Across America Highlight **Washington's Red Tape***

[DES MOINES REGISTER: Officials: EPA Rules Hurt Growth:](#) *A renewed push by federal regulators to force Iowa to limit potentially lung-damaging emissions from plants and factories statewide could hinder job growth, state officials and business leaders say.* (September 11, 2011)

[TUSLA WORLD: Inhofe Hails Delay on Greenhouse Gas Regulations:](#) “This announcement, as well as President Obama’s recent request that EPA withdraw the ozone standard, makes one thing clear: *not only will EPA’s barrage of regulations cost hundreds of thousands of American jobs, they may cost President Obama his own job, and he knows it all too well.*” Sen. Inhofe said. (September 15, 2011)

LUBBOCK AVALANCHE-JOURNAL: Putting Off Costly Regulations Necessary for Economy to Heal: *Texas' largest energy provider, on Monday announced it will have to shut down part of a coal-fired plant if it is required to meet the new EPA rules. The action would eliminate 500 jobs and 1,300 megawatts of electricity.* The Electric Reliability Council of Texas, the state's power grid operator, said residents could face rolling power outages at times of peak demand due to the potential shutdown. (September 14, 2011)

THE REPUBLIC (Columbus, Indiana): GOP Finds Support in Campaign Against Business Regulations: Republicans in Congress opened an offensive this week against government regulations, a drive finding favor with ... *industries, small businesses and some Democrats who are especially fearful about the economy.* (September 14, 2011)

JOURNAL TIMES: Not the Time to Make Things Tougher for Businesses: *For Wisconsin, the tougher rules would have lumped 19 new counties into nonattainment areas, along with Racine County and the other five counties in southeastern Wisconsin which are already so designated, and saddled motorists there with emission tests and reformulated gas while manufacturers would be required to install the best antipollution systems available.* (September 13, 2011)

DAILY NEWS (Longview, Washington): Food Advertising Regulations Are Too Restrictive: *A need for regulation seems to be somewhere near the heart of the Obama administration.* At last count, more than 4,000 new federal regulations have been implemented since Obama took the oath of office... *This particular regulation — which could ban certain food advertisements if they do not meet specific criteria — sounds like government nannyism somewhere near its worst.* (September 16, 2011)

GOP Solutions to *Red Tape*

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 \(S. 299\)](#)