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Red Tape Review

Regulations by the Numbers for 2011:

255 Days:	Since the President's Executive Order on Regulations
81 Days:	Since the President's Executive Order on Regulations for Independent Agencies
1 Rule:	Repealed this year – spilled milk not considered an oil spill
468 Rules:	Regulations deemed significant under Executive Order 12866
\$79.9B:	Cost of regulatory burdens from new rules for the year
61032 Pages:	Pages of regulations in the Federal Register so far this year
81.9 Million:	Hours of annual paperwork burden

A [report](#) issued this week by the EPA's Inspector General found that the EPA did not follow their own rules and safeguards when making their finding that carbon dioxide is a pollutant. The EPA's determination has led to a mountain of *Clean Air Act regulations* that *could cost over a million American jobs*.

WALL STREET JOURNAL: The Economy Needs a Regulation Time-Out: In sports, time-outs are called to give athletes a chance to catch their breaths and make better decisions about the next play. *American workers and businesses are the athletes in a global competition that we must win. They need a time-out from excessive regulation so that America can get back to work.* (U.S. Senator Susan Collins, September 26, 2011)

THE HILL: Next Fight over Regulations Could Center on Trucker Driving Limits: The partisan battle over the role of government regulations could move into a new lane soon as a group of *Republicans pushes President Obama to make a U-turn on an effort by his administration to place new limits on the number of hours truckers can drive long-distance cargo hauls.* (September 28, 2011)

BLOOMBERG: W.Va. Hosts Congressional Mining Rule Hearing: "The politically motivated actions of OSM and EPA have cast a long shadow of uncertainty over the coal industry," said Jason Bostic of the West Virginia Coal Association. "For our mining families and their communities, these mysterious rule changes hang over their heads like an ominous cloud." *The draft estimated that its approach would trim 7,000 of the nation's 80,600 coal mining jobs.* (September 27, 2011)

WALL STREET JOURNAL: GOP Young Guns Blast Regulations at Facebook Event: *Three top Republican lawmakers used an appearance at the social media giant Facebook on Monday to push for eliminating regulations that hinder the private sector.* Republicans' push to cut federal spending and regulations is part of their effort to create "a future that holds a space for a lot more Facebooks," House Majority Leader Eric Cantor of Virginia said Monday. (September 26, 2011)

WASHINGTON TIMES: Obama Jobs Plan: More Bureaucrats: The (EPA) is defending sweeping greenhouse-gas emissions rules that if fully implemented would require 10,000 new state-level employees to process permits. *At the federal level, it would take 230,000 new officials and a \$21 billion budget expansion - quite a boost for an outfit that currently has 17,417 bureaucrats and \$10.3 billion to spend.* (September 29, 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 \(S. 299\)](#)