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Red Tape Review

Eighty-one days ago, President Obama rolled out an Executive Order for his Administration to conduct a thorough review of the nation's regulatory framework. Unfortunately, his rhetoric doesn't match reality. *The Administration's own cost estimates for the 232 proposed or enacted regulations this year is over \$23.9 billion with likely broader economic costs on our economy.* That is why Senate Republicans are fighting for common sense solutions such as Senator Roberts' bill, S. 718, to eliminate costly, redundant and burdensome EPA permit requirement for applications of pesticides.

SEATTLE TIMES: Obama Rule Review Leaves Some Nervous, Skeptical: "Although we can hope that Mr. Sunstein will be effective in curbing the administration's regulatory burdens that hamper job creation and economic growth, the record of the Obama administration indicates that he would have little support," says Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Fla. *The administration has put out about 500 rules since the president took office.* (April 3, 2011)

WEEKLY STANDARD: All Benefits, No Costs: *Arguing that onerous new regulations create jobs is nonsense, of course. If the government makes a business spend more money, that is a cost.* Regardless, what the businesses—and our economy—spend to comply diverts people and capital from other productive uses. To suggest that this is somehow a benefit is duplicitous. (April 8, 2011)

AKRON BEACON-JOURNAL: EPA Regulations Weigh Down the Economy: Just when we reach the onramp to recovery, we find regulatory roadblocks ahead, in the form of hundreds of new regulations the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency plans to impose this year. *The regulations proposed would raise energy prices for all Americans and likely stall recovery, since U.S. manufacturers rely on one-third of the nation's energy supply.* (April 7, 2011)

U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT: 6 Pages of Obamacare Equals 429 Pages of Regulations: Section 3022 of the law, which is about the Medicare shared savings program, *take up just six pages* in the 907-page Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. *But HHS has turned that into 429 pages of new regulations and that's too much,* says Republican Wyoming Sen. John Barrasso, a practicing doctor. (April 7, 2011)

POLITICO: House Votes to Kill EPA Climate Regulations: The resounding vote knocking down greenhouse gas regulations is far from surprising. *House Republicans have made upending climate rules a top energy priority since they took over the majority, and EPA's defenders in the chamber couldn't do much to stand in their way.* (April 7, 2011)

HERITAGE: President Obama Blames You for High Gas Prices: *The president knows his anti-drilling policies and costly regulations are contributing to high gas prices.* Normally, we may expect him to deflect this onto his political opponents, or perhaps 'evil' corporate interests, but we must admit; blaming American consumers is at least...unique. (April 7, 2011)

GOP Solutions to Red Tape

Roberts Introduces Bill to Eliminate Costly, Redundant and Burdensome EPA Permit Requirement for Applications of Pesticides (S. 718): “This double layer of red tape will cost producers and consumers. It also takes aim at public health departments by requiring permits on top of existing permits for pesticide use,” said Roberts. “Our bill eliminates this redundant permit requirement while at the same time ensuring proper pesticide use through existing law.”

Snowe, Hatch, and Enzi Investigate the Regulatory Burden of Healthcare Reform on America's Small Businesses: “With this flood of regulation, and the seeming willingness of the Administration to bypass important small business protections like Regulatory Flexibility Act analyses, it is more important than ever for the Office of Advocacy to advocate on behalf of small businesses,” the Senators wrote.

Vitter Introduces “Domestic Jobs, Domestic Energy, and Deficit Reduction (3-D) Act” (S.706)

Inhofe, Johanns Introduce “Comprehensive Assessment of Regulations on the Economy (CARE) Act” (S. 609)

Snowe, Coburn Introduce the “Small Business Regulatory Freedom Act” (S. 474)

Roberts Introduces “Regulatory Responsibility for our Economy Act” (S. 358)

Collins Introduces “Clearing Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens (CURB) Act” (S. 602)

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