

Memorandum

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FROM: ACUS Interns
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RE: Regulatory and Administrative Reform Legislation

INTRODUCTION

This memorandum provides a summary and current status for bills introduced in the 112th and 113th sessions of Congress (occurring between 2011 and 2014) that addresses regulatory reform. Beginning with the 114th session of Congress, the memorandum provides a summary and current status for legislation addressing regulatory and broader administrative reform. Note that this list may not be comprehensive.

Entries are in reverse chronological order based on the date the bill was introduced into Congress. However, House and Senate versions of the same bill are listed together based on the most recent introduction date. Links to relevant committee reports are provided where available. Beginning with the 114th session of Congress, a link to a Statement of Administration Policy is also included when applicable.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM LEGISLATION

114th Congress (2015-2016)			
BILL	SPONSOR	STATUS	SUMMARY
S.2738 Political Intelligence Transparency Act of 2016 Link	Sen. Grassley, Chuck (R-IA)	Introduced Mar. 17, 2016 Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Mar. 17, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1602) to include Political Intelligence Activities. Defines Political Intelligence Activities as efforts to develop and maintain contacts used for planning, research, and other background effort intended to increase coordination with contacts. Further expands upon specific limitations for securities & commodities regulations. Incorporates limits on efforts to gain information on securities or commodities markets into 18 U.S.C. 207 restrictions on former executive and legislative branch employees.
H.R. 4809 Political Intelligence Transparency Act of 2016 Link	Rep. Louise McIntosh Slaughter (D-NY)	Introduced Mar. 17, 2016 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations on Apr. 1, 2016.	
S.2724 Separation of Powers Restoration Act of 2016 Link	Sen. Hatch, Orrin (R-UT)	Introduced Mar. 17, 2016 Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the committee on the Judiciary on Mar. 17, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends 5 U.S.C. §706 of the APA to require courts apply a de novo standard when conducting any judicial review under §706.
H.R. 4768 Separation of Powers Restoration Act of 2016 Link	Rep. Ratcliffe, John (R-TX)	Introduced Mar. 16, 2016 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Apr. 1, 2016.	
H.R. 2347 Federal Advisory Committee Act Amendments of 2015 Link	Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy (D-MO)	Introduced May 15, 2015 Most Recent Action Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Mar. 2, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires appointments to federal advisory committees be made without consideration of political affiliation unless required by statute. Appointments are subject to publication in the federal register and comment by interested persons. Agencies must publish information about FACA appointments and other FACA information.

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		<p>Committee Reports Oversight and Government Reform Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GAO will review, account for, and report on agency FACA compliance.
<p>H.R. 4636 POWERS Act of 2016 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Mullin, Markwayne (R-OK)</p>	<p>Introduced Feb. 26, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law on Apr. 1, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends title 5 of the United States Code to require agencies to respond to congressional committee comments on proposed rulemaking.
<p>H.R. 4612 Midnight Rule Relief Act of 2016 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Walberg, Tim (R-MI)</p>	<p>Introduced Feb. 25, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law on Apr. 1, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would establish a Moratorium on agencies beginning rulemaking of rules with \$100,000,000 in annual economic effect/major increases in costs/adverse effects after January 20th of years when the president is not serving a consecutive term. Provides for emergency and deregulatory exceptions.
<p>S. 2582 Midnight Rule Relief Act of 2016 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Ernst, Joni (R-IA)</p>	<p>Introduced Feb. 25, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Feb. 25, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Different text but same effect as H.R. 4612. Would establish a Moratorium on agencies beginning rulemaking of rules with \$100,000,000 in annual economic effect/major increases in costs/adverse effects after January 20th of years when the president is not serving a consecutive term. Provides for emergency and deregulatory exceptions.
<p>S. 2570 Unfunded mandates Accountability Act of 2016 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Portman, Rob (R-OH)</p>	<p>Introduced Feb. 24, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Feb. 24, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1532) to require regulatory impact analyses for rules that may have an annual effect on the economy or government spending of \$100,000,000. Requires initial and final regulatory impact analyses to contain consideration of no government action, market incentive options, options to inform the public, and flexible options. Further requires explanation and assessment of predicted costs. § 202 on require the least burdensome option be used, applies the requirement to independent agencies, exempts monetary policy, and provides for judicial review of agency consideration.

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<p>S.2454 Legislative Performance Review Act of 2016 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Paul, Rand (R-KY)</p>	<p>Introduced Jan. 20, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jan. 20, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal agencies must implement a two-year plan to terminate programs with expired authorizations. • Prohibits Congress from considering bills that authorize appropriations for more than four years (open to waiver by special resolution) or authorize unlimited appropriations. • Committees reporting on authorizing legislation must add 1) analysis, appraisal, and evaluation of existing programs, and 2) specified details about the purpose and need for new programs.
<p>S.2453 Duplication Reduction and Scoring Act of 2016 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Paul, Rand (R-KY)</p>	<p>Introduced Jan. 20, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jan. 20, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directs OMB to use Government Accountability Office reports to streamline government programs and agencies by eliminating and consolidating duplicative or overlapping missions/programs/agencies. • OMB shall report to Congress any legislative changes required to further streamline government programs and agencies. Money saved is to be applied to deficit reduction.
<p>H.R. 4392 To Amend title 5, United States Code, to require that the office of Personnel Management submit an annual report to Congress relating to the use of official time by Federal employees. Link</p>	<p>Rep. Ross, Dennis A. (R- FL)</p>	<p>Introduced Jan. 13, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 368 on Apr. 12, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This bill requires the Office of Personnel Management to submit an annual report to Congress on the use of official time by federal employees. The bill defines "official time" as any period of time granted to a federal employee to perform representational or consultative functions and during which the employee would otherwise be in a duty status.
<p>S.2269 Government Transformation Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Kirk, Mark Steven (R-IL)</p>	<p>Introduced Nov. 10, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Nov. 10, 2015.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes a Government Transformation Board which shall review the usefulness, efficiency, and duplicative nature of agency organizational practices and operations. • The GTB shall also identify best practices for federal agencies to share methods, tools, systems, and technologies. The GTB will coordinate input from agencies with that of citizens and interested parties.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GTB shall submit semiannual reports of its activities and suggestions.
HR2826 Government Transformation Act Link	Rep. Bustos, Cheri (D-IL)	<p>Introduced June 18, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to House Rules Committee on June 18, 2015.</p>	
S.2199 Regulatory Authority Clarification Act of 2015 Link	Sen. Enzi, Michael B. (R-WY)	<p>Introduced Oct. 22, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Oct. 22, 2015.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits federal agencies from promulgating rules that conflict with or fails to carry out concurrent resolutions enacted by congress which clarify the meaning of a law. Agencies must promulgate new rules to replace existing rules so that the rules match existing concurrent resolutions.
H.R. 3682 Reducing Employer Burdens, Unleashing Innovation, and Labor Development Act of 2015 Link	Rep. Guthrie, Brett (R-Ky)	<p>Introduced Oct. 2, 2015.</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions on Mar. 23, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the Department of Energy to issue a decision on applications for authorization to export natural gas within <i>30 days</i> after the relevant LNG site review has been completed. Provides for appellate review of any civil action alleging that the DOE failed to meet the 30 day timeline and the ability to issue a decision mandating compliance within 30 days. <p>* Note – Despite the different titles, H.R. 89 is essentially the same as H.R. 351. ** Note – S. 33 provides for a 45 days deadline, rather than a 30 day deadline. It is otherwise substantially the same.</p>
H.R. 351 LNG Permitting Certainty and Transparency Act Link	Rep. Bill Johnson (R-OH-6)	<p>Introduced Jan. 14, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on Jan. 28, 2015; Received in the Senate on Jan. 29, 2015</p> <p>Committee Reports Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report</p>	
H.R. 89 Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act *	Rep. Jim Bridenstine (R-OK-1)	<p>Introduced Jan. 6, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action</p>	

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Link		Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power on Jan. 9, 2015	
S. 33 LNG Permitting Certainty and Transparency Act** Link	Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY)	Introduced Jan. 6, 2015 Most Recent Action: Hearings held by the Committee on Energy and National Resources on Jan. 29, 2015	
S.2012 Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2015 Link	Sen. Murkowski, Lisa (R-AK)	Introduced Sep. 9, 2015 Most Recent Action Held at the desk on Apr. 21, 2016. Committee Reports Senate Energy and Natural Resources Statement of Administration Policy Jan. 27, 2016 to the Senate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contains amendments to the Equal Access to Justice Act that require ACUS to collect, compile, and make publicly available data on settlements between the federal government and private parties.
S.2006 - Regulatory Accountability Act of 2015 Link	Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH)	Introduced August 08, 2015 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Aug. 06, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents. Agencies must consider the nature and degree of risks addressed by a new rule and the countervailing risks that might be posed by agency action; (B) direct, indirect, and cumulative costs and benefits; and (C) estimated impacts on jobs, competitiveness, and productivity.
S.1944 Regulations Endanger Democracy Act of 2015 Link	Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK)	Introduced Aug. 05, 2015 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Aug. 5, 2015.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To require each agency to repeal or amend 1 or more rules before issuing or amending a rule. Cost of new rule must be offset by the repeal of the old rules or rules. Every six months the agencies must submit a publication identifying which rules will be made and which will be permanently repealed.
H.R.3438	Rep. Marino Tom (R-PA)	Introduced Aug. 5, 2015 Most Recent Action Considered by the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Nov. 3, 2015.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend title 5, United States Code, to postpone the effective date of high-impact rules pending judicial review. High impact defined as any rule that impacts the economy in excess of \$1 billion. If after 60 days after publication on the rule there is no judicial review of the rule, then the high impact rule takes effect.

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Require Evaluation before Implementing Executive Wishlists Act of 2015 Link			
S. 1927 REVIEW Act of 2015 Link	Sen. Coats, Daniel (R-IN)	<p>Introduced Aug. 4, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs on Aug. 4, 2015.</p>	
H.Con.Res.67 RESTORE Resolution of 2015 Link	Rep. Bishop, Mike (R-MI)	<p>Introduced July 29, 2015.</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on Rules on July 29, 2015.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes a Joint Select Committee to conduct a systematic review of rule promulgation, hold hearings on how to reduce regulatory overreach, and conduct a review of the CFR and identify rules to be repealed.
S.Con.Res. 17 RESTORE Resolution of 2015 (Regulation Sensibility Through Oversight Restoration) Link	Sen. Mike Rounds (R-SD)	<p>Introduced May 20, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration on May 20, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires Joint Select Committee to submit findings in a report to Congress. Analyze feasibility of the creation of a permanent Joint Committee on Rules Review to review all proposed rules likely to have an annual effect on the economy of \$50M or more.
H.R. 3328 Small Business Regulatory Sunset Act of 2015 Link	Rep. Collins, Chris (R-NY)	<p>Introduced Jul. 29, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Sep. 8, 2015.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires review of existing rules having a significant economic impact on small entities. Imposes a 7-year sunset provision on covered rules unless renewed by the agency using the notice and comment rulemaking process.

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<p>S. 846 Small Business Regulatory Sunset Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Mark Steven Kirk (R-IL)</p>	<p>Introduced Mar. 24, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Mar. 24, 2015</p>	
<p>H.R.3256 – One In, One Out Act Link</p>	<p>Rep. McCaul, Michael T (R-TX)</p>	<p>Introduced July 28, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law on Sept. 08, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To require each agency to repeal or revise 1 or more existing regulations before issuing a new regulation, and for other purposes.
<p>S. 1683 SCRUB Act of 2015 (Searching for and Cutting Regulations that are Unnecessarily Burdensome) Link</p>	<p>Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT)</p>	<p>Introduced Jun. 25, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jun. 25, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes the Retrospective Regulatory Review Commission to review the Code of Federal Regulations to identify, using specified criteria, rules and sets of rules that collectively implement a regulatory program that should be repealed to lower the cost of regulation to the economy.
<p>H.R. 1155 SCRUB Act of 2015 (Searching for and Cutting Regulations that are Unnecessarily Burdensome) Link</p>	<p>Rep. Jason Smith (R-MO-8)</p>	<p>Introduced Feb. 02, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Received in Senate, read twice, and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs on January 11, 2016.</p> <p>Committee Reports Judiciary Committee Rules Committee</p> <p>Statement of Administration: House Rules on Jan. 5, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires a federal agency that makes a new rule to repeal rules identified by the Commission to offset the cost to the economy of such new rule. * Note – Though the Senate bill contains additional procedures for a joint resolution, these two bills are substantially identical.

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S. 1817 Smarter Regs Act of 2015 Link	Sen. Heitkamp (D-ND)	Introduced and Referred July 21, 2015 Most Recent Action Reported favorably out of Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the form of a substitution (Heitkamp amendment), on Oct. 7, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve the effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review, and for other purposes Requires final rules in Federal Register to establish future retrospective review within ten years of promulgation Proposes factors for reassessment Establishes OMB oversight Heitkamp amendment: adds several agency exceptions and limiting language re: judicial review
S. 1818 Principled Rulemaking Act of 2015 Link	Sen. Lankford (R-OK)	Introduced and Referred July 21, 2015 Most Recent Action Reported favorably (with substitute amendment) out of Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Oct. 7, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend title 5, United States Code, to reform the rule making process of agencies Enhances pre-promulgation considerations, including detailed cost-benefit analysis provisions and inclusion of scientific data Limits scope of agency rulemaking
S. 1820 Early Participation in Regulations Act of 2015 Link	Sen. Lankford (R-OK)	Introduced July 21, 2015 Most Recent Action Reported favorably (with substitute amendment) out of Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Oct. 7, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To require agencies to publish an advance notice of proposed rule making for major rules Major rules defined as: “any rule that the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs determines is likely to impose (A) an annual effect on the economy of \$100,000,000 or more; (B) a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, Federal, State, local, or tribal government agencies, or geographic regions; or (C) significant effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or on the ability of United States-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises in domestic and export markets”
H.R.3023	Rep. Buck, Ken (R-CO)	Introduced July 10, 2015 Most Recent Action Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 358 on Mar. 23, 2016. Committee Reports House Oversight and Government Reform Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imposes a probationary period before appointments to the competitive civil service, or appointment as a supervisor, can become final. Two years for positions requiring formal training. Two years from the date of licensure for positions requiring a license. At least two years for any other position. Agencies must ensure that (1) vacant position announcements and offers clearly state the terms and conditions of probationary period, (2) notice of probationary requirements is given, and (3) successful completion of probationary periods is certified.

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<p>To amend title 5, United States Code, to modify probationary periods with respect to positions within the competitive service and the Senior Executive Service, and for other purposes. Link</p>			
<p>S.J.Res. 17 Proposed Amendment to the Constitution Link</p>	<p>Sen. Michael B. Enzi (R-WY)</p>	<p>Introduced Jun. 25, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary on Jun. 25, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed amendment to the Constitution to give States the right to repeal Federal laws and regulations when ratified by the legislatures of two-thirds of the States.
<p>S.1580 Competitive Service Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Tester, Jon (D-MT)</p>	<p>Introduced June 6, 2015</p> <p>Most recent action Became Public Law No: 114-137 on Mar. 18, 2016.</p> <p>Committee Reports Oversight and Government Reform Committee Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorizes an agency appointing an individual to a position in the competitive service, other than the appointing authority that requested the certificate of eligibles for filling a position in the competitive service, to select an individual from that certificate for appointment to a position that is: (1) in the same occupational series as the position for which the certificate of eligibles was issued, and (2) at a similar grade level as the original position. Sets forth requirements relating to the sharing of certificates, notice, and selection of job applicants.
<p>H.R.2827 Competitive Service Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. (-VA)</p>	<p>Introduced June 18, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on Jun. 18, 2015</p>	

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S. 1607 Independent Agency Regulatory Analysis Act of 2015 Link	Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH)	Introduced Jun. 18, 2015 Most Recent Action Reported favorably (with substitute amendment) out of Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Oct. 7, 2015.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorizes the President to require independent regulatory agencies to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to other federal agencies; ○ provide the Administrator of OIRA with an assessment of the costs and benefits of a proposed or final economically significant rule (\$100M or more); ○ submit any significant rule to the Administrator for review. • Prohibits judicial review of compliance with the Act.
H.R.2778 Sunset Act of 2015 Link	Rep. Steve King (R-IA-4)	Introduced Jun. 15, 2015 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law on Jul. 1, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires enactment of a joint resolution by Congress before a major rule can take effect. • Prohibits a rule from taking effect if a joint resolution is not enacted within 70 session days. • Prevents reconsideration of a rule for which no joint resolution was issued by the same Congress. Prevents reissuance of rule in substantially the same form. • Requires retrospective review over a 10 year period, provides for sunset of rules over 10 year period unless extended by joint resolution.
H.R. 2745 Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act of 2015 Link	Rep. Farenthold, Blake (R-TX)	Introduced June 12, 2015 Most Recent Action Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary on April 4, 2016. Statements of Administration House Rules on Mar. 21, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends the FTC Act to exclude proposed mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, etc. from normal FTC proceedings except where the FTC approves an agreement with the parties that contains a consent order.
S. 2102 Standard merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act of 2015 Link	Sen. Lee, Mike (R-UT)	Introduced Sept. 30, 2015 Most Recent Action Hearings held by the Judiciary Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights on Mar. 9, 2016.	
S.1550	Sen. Ernst, Joni (R-IA)	Introduced June 10, 2015 Most Recent Action	

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Program Management Improvement Accountability Act Link		Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on Nov. 30, 2015. Committee Reports Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires OMB to oversee the adoption of government-wide standards for program and project management in executive agencies. OMB must also chair a Program Management Policy Council (PMPC) to improve agency practices. Requires agencies required to have a Chief Financial Officer to assign a Program Management Improvement Officer (PMIO) to develop a strategy to improve program manager roles. OPM must issue regulations covering PMIO officer requirements, job series, and career paths. GAO must issue a report within three years that examines the improvements in program standards, policies, strategic plans, and the effectiveness of PMIOs and the PMPC.
H.R.2144 Program Management Improvement Accountability Act Link	Rep. Young, Todd C. (R-IN)	Introduced Apr. 30, 2015 Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on Apr. 30, 2015.	
S. 1536 Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2015 Link	Sen. David Vitter (R-LA)	Introduced Jun. 10, 2015 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jun. 10, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to include the North American Industrial Classification System sectors for which a rule will have an economic impact and a plain language summary for any proposed rules. Requires the Regulatory Flexibility Analysis to include an estimate of the number and types of small entities to be affected by a proposed rule. Requires final regulatory flexibility analyses to be made publicly available on an agency's website. Requires additional involvement of and grants additional powers to the SBA. Requires periodic review of enacted rules and civil penalties imposed by the agency. Suspends civil penalties in some circumstances for first-time paperwork violations by small business concerns.
H.R. 2631 Regulatory Predictability for Business Growth Act of 2015 Link	Rep. Steve Russell (R-OK-5)	Introduced Jun. 3, 2015 Most Recent Action Considered by Judiciary Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Nov. 3, 2015.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds definition for "longstanding interpretive rule," to distinguish from an "interpretive rule" as one that has been in effect for not less than one year. Requires Notice and Comment for longstanding interpretive rules

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<p>S.1487 Regulatory Predictability for Business Growth Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT)</p>	<p>Introduced Jun. 3, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jun. 3, 2015</p>	
<p>H.R. 2583 Federal Communication Commission Process Reform Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Walden, Greg (R-OR)</p>	<p>Introduced May 29, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on Nov. 17, 2015.</p> <p>Committee Reports House Energy and Commerce</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compels the FCC to perform rulemaking to adopt rules establishing minimum period for comment and reply for rulemakings; Policies ensuring public notice and opportunity to respond to comments, ex parte communications and materials submitted after the comment period; Deadlines and guidance for disposition of certain petitions; and, procedures to included proposed rule language in proposed rulemaking notices. • Requires web publication and reporting to congress on open rulemaking material, pending actions, and pending congressional investigations. Updated at least quarterly. • Other reporting requirements include finances to other agencies and the public – such as financial auditing by the GAO and consultation with the SBA.
<p>H.R. 2507 Increasing Regulatory Fairness Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Brady, Kevin (R- TX)</p>	<p>Introduced May 21, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance on Jun. 18, 2015.</p> <p>Committee Reports House Ways and Means Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends Medicare Part C to direct DHHS to determine and announce annually for 2017 on certain Medicare Advantage risk management data and determination processes. • Such information includes: Annual Medicare Advantage capitation rate for each payment area; risk and other factors used in adjusting such rates for monthly payments; MA region-specific non-drug monthly benchmark amounts for each MA region and each MA regional plan for which a bid was submitted; and major policy changes to risk adjustment models.
<p>H.R. 2347 Federal Advisory Committee Act Amendments of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy (D-MO)</p>	<p>Introduced May 15, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Mar. 2, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires appointments to federal advisory committees be made without consideration of political affiliation unless required by statute. Appointments are subject to publication in the federal register and comment by interested persons. • Agencies must publish information about FACA appointments and other FACA information. • The GAO will review, account for, and report on agency FACA compliance.

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<p>H.R. 2042 Ratepayer Protection Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Whitfield, Ed (R-KY)</p>	<p>Introduced Apr. 28, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Received in the Senate on Jun. 25, 2015.</p> <p>Committee Reports House Energy and Commerce Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extends the deadlines for compliance with final rules targeting carbon dioxide emissions from existing sources that are fossil fuel-fired electric utilities under the Clean Air Act. • Allows state governors to refuse to submit state plans or opt out of EPA rules when there is a significant adverse effect upon residential, commercial, or industrial ratepayers, or upon the reliability of the state’s electricity system.
<p>H.R. 2010 Regulatory Review and Sunset Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Randy Hultgren (R-IL-14)</p>	<p>Introduced Apr. 23, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on May 15, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires significant rules to be grouped for orderly and prioritized sunset reviews over a period lasting between 4 and 10 years • Permits public petition or Congressional request that a non-significant rule be designated for sunset review
<p>S.1067 Regulatory Review and Sunset Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)</p>	<p>Introduced Apr. 23, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Apr. 23, 2015</p>	
<p>H.R. 1737 Reforming CFPB Indirect Auto Financing Guidance Act Link</p>	<p>Rep. Guinta, Frank C. (R- NH)</p>	<p>Introduced Apr. 13, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs on Nov. 19, 2015.</p> <p>Committee Reports House Financial Services Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declares CFPB Bulletin 2013-02 without force (Indirect Auto Lending and Compliance with the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, published Mar. 21, 2013). • Amends the CFP Act of 2010 to direct the CFPB to open indirect auto financing actions to public comment prior to issuance of guidance in its final form; make publicly available all information relied on by the CFPB; redact information exempt from the FIA; consult with the Federal Reserve System Board of Governors, the Federal Trade Commission, and Department of Justice; and study the costs and impacts of guidance to consumers and specific small businesses.
<p>H.R. 1732 Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Shuster, Bill (R-PA)</p>	<p>Introduced Apr. 13, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Received in the Senate on May 13, 2015.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires the US Army Corps of Engineers and the EPA to withdraw the proposed rule “Definition of ‘Waters of the United States’ Under the Clean Water Act” dated April 21, 2014.

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		Committee Reports House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directs US ACE to make a new rule defining waters of the U.S. that meets requirements that ACE & the EPA consult with states and localities noted in the bill. • Requires ACE to include explanations in response to filed comments on certain related rules, and certain economic impact analyses. • Requires ACE to publish reports describing consensus with state and local governments and make them available for at least 180 days.
H.R. 1734 Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015 Link	Rep. McKinley, David B. (R-WV)	Introduced Apr. 13, 2015 Most Recent Action Received in the Senate on Jul. 23, 2015. Committee Reports House Energy and Commerce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outlines subject matter areas for state regulation to adopt, implement, and enforce a coal combustion residuals permit programs. • Requires states inform the administrator of the EPA of regulatory efforts and details procedural requirements in reporting.
H.R. 1759 ALERT Act of 2015 (All Economic Regulations are Transparent) Link	Rep. John Ratcliffe (R-TX-4)	Introduced Apr. 13, 2015 Most Recent Action Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 180. on July 29, 2015 Committee Reports House Oversight and Government Reform House Judiciary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires the head of each federal agency to submit monthly report to OIRA for each rule expected to be proposed or finalized during the following year. • Requires OIRA to publish an annual summary of all proposed or final rules for the preceding year. • Delays effectiveness of any rule until six months after information has been made available, unless an exception applies.
H.R. 1644 Supporting Transparent Regulatory and Environmental Actions in Mining Act Link	Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. (R-WV)	Introduced Mar. 26, 2015 Most Recent Action Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and natural Resources on Jan. 19, 2016. Committee Reports House Natural Resources Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to direct the Department of the Interior to make publicly available online and in the Federal Register any scientific product and change relied on in developing a rule, analysis, or assessment. • Federally funded scientific products must also make publicly available the raw data used for them to the extent not protected by copyright or disclosure of personally identifiable information, intellectual property, or business-sensitive information. • The National Academy of Sciences Board on Earth Sciences and Resources will conduct detailed study of surface coal mining operations' effectiveness and environmental impacts.

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		<p>Statements of Administration House Rules on Jan. 11, 2016.</p>	
<p>H.R. 1675 Capital Markets Improvement Act of 2016 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Hultgren, Randy (R-IL)</p>	<p>Introduced Mar. 26, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs on Feb. 4, 2016.</p> <p>Committee Reports House Financial Services</p> <p>Statements of Administration House Rules on Feb. 2, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directs the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise regulations to require an issuer to furnish investors with additional specified disclosures regarding compensatory benefit plans if the aggregate sales price or amount of securities sold during any consecutive 12-month period exceeds \$10 million (currently \$5 million), indexed for inflation every five years.
<p>H.R. 1599 Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Pompeo, Mike (R-KS)</p>	<p>Introduced Mar. 25, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry on Jul. 24, 2015.</p> <p>Committee Reports House Agriculture, Part I House Agriculture, Part II</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The FDA must regulate the term “natural” for food labeling, preempting state and local uses of the term. • Amends the Plant Protection Act to only permit the sale of GMO foods determined safe through the FDA’s consultation process and the results of that determination shared with the USDA. • The Agricultural Marketing Service will establish a voluntary genetically engineered food certification program to regulate the application of labeling requirements for GMO based foods.
<p>H.R. 1525 Disclosure Modernization and Simplification Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Garret, Scott (R-NJ)</p>	<p>Introduced Mar. 23, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs on Oct. 7, 2015.</p> <p>Committee Reports House Financial Services Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires the SEC to revise regulation S-K to reduce the burden on smaller issuers while still providing material information to investors and eliminating duplicative, overlapping, outdated, or unnecessary provisions. • Directs the SEC to study and simplify requirements in regulations S-K, and evaluate information delivery and presentation methods as well as explore methods to discourage prepetition and disclosure of immaterial information. • Requires the SEC to issue a proposed rule implementing recommendations it proposes to congress based on this study.

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<p>S. 826 REVIEWS Act (Regulatory Examination Vital for Improving and Evaluating Working Solutions) Link</p>	<p>Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT)</p>	<p>Introduced Mar. 19, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Mar. 19, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imposes a 10-year sunset provision on covered rules unless renewed by the agency using the notice and comment rulemaking process. • Changes the definition of “final agency action”
<p>H.R. 1407 Regulatory Improvement Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Patrick Murphy (D-FL-18)</p>	<p>Introduced Mar 17, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and Committee on Rules on Mar. 17, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes in the legislative branch the Regulatory Improvement Commission to evaluate and make recommendations and propose legislation for modification, consolidation, or repeal of regulations.
<p>S. 708 Regulatory Improvement Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Angus S. King, Jr. (I-ME)</p>	<p>Introduced Mar. 11, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Considered by Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Sept. 16, 2015.</p>	
<p>H.R. 1090 Retail Investor Protection Act Link</p>	<p>Rep. Wagner, Ann (R-MO)</p>	<p>Introduced Feb. 25, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs on Oct. 28, 2015.</p> <p>Committee Reports House Financial Services Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibits the Secretary of Labor from regulating under ERISA to define the circumstances under which an individual is a fiduciary until 60 days after the SEC issues a final rule governing standards of conduct for brokers and dealers under specified law. • Amends the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to prohibit the SEC from promulgating investment advisor standards prior to reporting to certain congressional committees. • Under this amendment the SEC must report on retail investors and other customers harmed due to broker or dealer operations under a different standard; alternative remedies; and adoption of uniform fiduciary standards of conduct.
<p>H.R. 1030 Secret Science Reform Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Smith, Lamar (R- TX)</p>	<p>Introduced Feb. 24, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to prohibit the EPA from taking covered actions when relying upon science not specifically identified and publicly available in a manner sufficient for independent analysis and substantial reproduction of research.

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		<p>Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works on Mar. 19, 2015.</p> <p>Committee Reports House Science, Space, and Technology Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covered actions include risk, exposure, and hazard assessments, criteria documents, standard, limitation, regulation, regulatory impact analyses, or guidance. Scientific and Technical information includes materials, data, associated protocols necessary to understand, assess, and extend conclusions, computer codes, models, recorded factual materials, and detailed descriptions of how to access and use the information. Limits EPA cost to reach these requirements to \$1 million per year.
H.R. 1029 EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2015 Link	Rep. Lucas, Frank D. (R-OK)	<p>Introduced Feb. 24, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works on Mar. 18, 2015.</p> <p>Committee Reports House Science, Space, and Technology Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Environmental Research, Development and Demonstration Authorization act of 1978 to revise member selection process for the Science Advisory Board as well as member qualification and terms. The EPA must make public a list of nominees to the board and accept comment on the list. The EPA must draft a risk assessment in regulatory proposals and documents sent to the board and the board's comment must be included in the record published in the Federal Register. Imposes additional public participation requirements on the EPA and the Board.
S. 181 Startup Act Link	Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS)	<p>Introduced Jan. 16, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Finance on Jan. 16, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primarily related to immigration for employment in STEM fields. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As is relevant here, requires federal agencies to complete a cost benefit analysis and identify expected impact on state, local, and tribal governments before issuing a notice of proposed rulemaking for any major rule.
H.R. 962 Startup Act Link	Rep. Robert Dold, Jr. (R-IL-10)	<p>Introduced Feb. 13, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology on Mar. 10, 2015</p>	
H.R.712 Sunshine for Regulations and Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2016 Link	Rep. Collins, Doug (R-GA)	<p>Introduced Feb. 4, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary on Jan. 11, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to publish notice of intent to sue for certain covered civil actions/decrees/settlements 15 days after receiving service. Intended to allow affected parties to intervene. Agencies must provide notice in the federal register of decrees/settlements 60 days before such agreements are filed with the court.

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		<p>Committee Reports Judiciary Committee</p> <p>Statements of Administration House Rules on Jan. 5, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the DoJ or an independently litigating agency's head to certify proposed decrees and settlements. Requires agencies to annually report to congress the number of covered civil actions and their outcomes. Courts will review covered decrees and settlements de novo if the agency files a motion to modify the decrees and settlements on the basis of public interests.
<p>S.378 Sunshine for Regulations and Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Grassley, Chuck (R-IA)</p>	<p>Introduced Feb. 4, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary on Feb. 4, 2015.</p>	
<p>S. 426 Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Kelly Ayotte (R-NH)</p>	<p>Introduced Feb. 10, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Feb. 10, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> definition of "rule" under RFA is expanded to include all agency rules, except for rules that pertain to the protection of the rights of, or benefits for, veterans or rules of particular (and not general) applicability relating to rates, wages, and other financial indicators. Under a new definition of "economic impact," agencies are required to consider any direct economic effect of a proposed rule on small entities and any indirect economic effect on small entities that is reasonably foreseeable and that results from such rule.
<p>H.R. 690 Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO-3)</p>	<p>Introduced Feb. 3, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Placed on Union Calendar as No. 135 on Jun. 25, 2015</p> <p>Committee Reports Judiciary Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to include a 100 word plain language summary of each rule promulgated through notice and comment rulemaking.
<p>S. 337 FOIA Improvement Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)</p>	<p>Introduced Feb. 2, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Held at the desk on Mar. 16, 2016 (after passing with an amendment by unanimous consent on Mar. 15, 2016).</p> <p>Committee Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires information requested under FOIA to be made available in electronic format. Prohibits an agency for charging a fee to fulfill a request if it fails to meet the statutory deadlines for responding to a FOIA request. States that even if materials that would be returned under a FOIA request qualify as one of the statutory exemptions, the materials should not be withheld for the sole reason of protecting the agency from embarrassment.

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		Judiciary Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the creation of a consolidated online request portal for all FOIA requests. Requires all agencies to have a Chief FOIA officer who will review requests, disclosures, and exemptions for compliance with the Act.
H.R. 653 FOIA Oversight and Implementation Act of 2015 (FOIA Act) Link	Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA-49)	<p>Introduced Feb. 2, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Received in Senate, read twice, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary on January 12, 2016.</p> <p>Committee Reports Judiciary Committee</p>	
H.R. 579 THRIFT Act of 2015 (To Help Reduce Inefficient Federal Tendencies) Link	Rep. Daniel Webster (R-FL-10)	<p>Introduced Jan. 28, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet on Feb. 19, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows federal courts and agencies to submit a plan to retain for personnel purposes 5%-25% of any savings resulting from increased operating efficiency.
H.R. 527 Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2015 Link	Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH-1)	<p>Introduced Jan. 26, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on Feb. 5, 2015; Received in the Senate on Feb. 9, 2015; Discharged by the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law on Feb. 19, 2015</p> <p>Committee Reports Judiciary Committee</p> <p>Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to include the North American Industrial Classification System sectors for which a rule will have an economic impact and a plain language summary for any proposed rules. Requires the Regulatory Flexibility Analysis to include an estimate of the number and types of small entities to be affected by a proposed rule. Requires final regulatory flexibility analyses to be made publicly available on an agency's website. Requires involvement by the SBA (i.e. prior notification to the SBA of proposed rules, including information on which the rule is based, to enable to SBA to issue a report detailing potential effect on small businesses and suggested alternatives to minimize harm and maximize benefits) in the rulemaking process for any rule that will have an annual effect on the economy of \$100M or more, or that will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Requires periodic review of enacted rules.

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		<p>Statement of Administration Policy Feb. 3, 2015 to House Rules</p>	
<p>H.R. 522 Commission on the Accountability and Review of Federal Agencies Act Link</p>	<p>Rep. Doug Collins (R-GA-9)</p>	<p>Introduced Jan. 26, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Rules Committee on Jan. 26, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes a commission charged with evaluating federal agencies every year for six years to determine whether: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> there are duplicate agencies or programs performing the same function in a manner that can be consolidated any agencies or programs have wasted federal funds through egregious spending or use of funds for personal benefit any agencies or programs have completed their intended purpose or have otherwise become irrelevant Terminates the commission 90 days after the sixth annual report is submitted, with each report providing recommendations as to realignment or elimination of agencies or programs.
<p>S. 234* Regulatory Fairness Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Sen. David Vitter (R-LA)</p>	<p>Introduced Jan. 22, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works on Jan. 22, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limits the timeframe during which the EPA can prohibit use of a defined area as a disposal site for dredged or fill material to the time between when notice is published by the Secretary of the Army and when a permit is issued.
<p>S. 54* Regulatory Fairness Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Sen. David Vitter (R-LA)</p>	<p>Introduced Jan. 7, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works on Jan. 7, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires notice and comment before the EPA can make the requisite findings to deny or restrict use. <p>*Note – This bill was introduced two separate times by the same Senator under different bill numbers.</p>
<p>S. 226</p>	<p>Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY)</p>	<p>Introduced Jan. 21, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires all proposed rules to include a classification as major or non-major.

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REINS Act of 2015 (Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny) Link		Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jan. 21, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires enactment of a joint resolution by Congress before a major rule can take effect. Prohibits a major rule from taking effect if a joint resolution is not enacted within 70 session days.
H.R. 427 REINS Act of 2015 (Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny) Link	Rep. Todd C. Young (R-IN-9)	<p>Introduced Jan. 21, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Received in the Senate. July 29, 2015</p> <p>Committee Reports House Judiciary</p>	
H.R. 445 Transparency in Rule Making When Using Scientific Testing Act of 2015 Link	Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN-8)	<p>Introduced Jan. 21, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Feb. 19, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to include in their notice of proposed rulemaking any scientific research relevant to proposed rule.
S. 189 Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2015 Link	Sen. Deb Fischer (R-NE)	<p>Introduced Jan. 20, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jan. 20, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires independent regulatory agencies to comply with the reporting requirements of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995. Requires federal agencies to assess the effect of regulatory actions on state, local and tribal governments, and on the private sector. Requires agencies to include a cost benefit analysis, including qualitative and quantitative assessment, for any proposed or final rules with an annual effect of \$100M or more in one year.
H.R. 50	Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC-5)	<p>Introduced Jan. 6, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases consultation requirements during the rulemaking process with relation to state and local governments.

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Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2015 Link		Passed the House on Feb. 4, 2015; Received in the Senate on Feb. 5, 2015 and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee Reports Oversight and Government Reform Committee Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report Statement of Administration Policy Feb. 3, 2015 to House Rules	
H.R. 352 Environmental Protection Agency Accountability Act of 2015 Link	Rep. Sean P. Duffy (R-WI-7)	Introduced Jan. 14, 2015 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research on Jan. 26, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rescinds \$20,000 per week from the EPA budget for each week it is not in compliance with certain enumerated statutes geared at regulatory reform. • Designates the Comptroller General as the person responsible for determining whether the EPA is in compliance.
S. 110 Environmental Protection Agency Accountability Act of 2015 Link	Sen. Dean Heller (R-NV)	Introduced Jan. 7, 2015 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works on Jan. 7, 2015	
H.R. 348 RAPID Act (Responsibly And Professionally Invigorating Development) Link	Rep. Tom Marino (R-PA-10)	Introduced Jan. 14, 2015 Most Recent Action Received in Senate, read twice, and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works on Sept. 28, 2015. Committee Reports Judiciary Statement of Administration Policy Sept. 16, 2015 to House Rules.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires agencies to coordinate efforts regarding environmental impact reports and other aspects of permitting for any construction projects undertaken by the Federal government or requiring a permit or regulatory approval by a Federal agency. • Prohibits agencies from later opposing permits or licenses based on environmental review if they decline to become a participating agency in the environmental review for a project.

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<p>S. 168 Regulatory Responsibility for our Economy Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Pat Roberts (R-KS)</p>	<p>Introduced Jan. 13, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs on Jan. 13, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imposes requirements for federal agency rulemaking procedures (other than for rules issued under formal rulemaking procedures), including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> consideration of a cost benefit analysis, including by independent regulatory agencies tailoring regulations to have the least burden while maximizing benefits except for emergency rules, providing an opportunity for the public to comment on proposed rules for at least 60 days promoting innovation, flexibility, and objectivity establishing standards for retrospective review of regulations.
<p>S. 156 Energy Consumers Relief Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA)</p>	<p>Introduced Jan. 13, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works on Jan. 13, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For any proposed energy-related rule with an estimated cost of more than \$1B, requires the EPA to (1) submit a report to Congress detailing costs and benefits, including effect on energy prices and employment; and (2) prepare an independent analysis with FERC and the EIA to determine the potential impact on energy supply and prices Prohibits the use of the “social cost of carbon” in calculating the benefits of such a proposed rule.
<p>H.R.4035 Energy Consumers Relief Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Fleming, John (R-LA)</p>	<p>Introduced Nov. 17, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power on Nov. 20, 2015.</p>	
<p>H.R. 211 REBUILD Act (Reducing Environmental Barriers to Unified Infrastructure and Land Development) Link</p>	<p>Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA-42)</p>	<p>Introduced Jan. 8, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Natural Resources Committee on Jan. 8, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows a federal agency to assign all environmental review responsibilities for a construction project under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to a state, upon agreement between the state and the agency.
<p>H.R. 185 Regulatory Accountability Act of 2015</p>	<p>Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA-6)</p>	<p>Introduced Jan. 7, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to base all preliminary and factual determinations on evidence when making a rule, including assessing reasonable alternatives and potential costs and benefits.

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Link		<p>Passed the House on Jan. 13, 2015; Received in the Senate on Jan. 16, 2015 and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs</p> <p>Committee Reports Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report</p> <p>Statement of Administration Policy Jan. 12, 2015 to House Rules</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to publish advance notice of proposed rulemaking for major and high-impact (annual cost to the economy of \$1B or more) rules, rules with a negative impact on jobs and wage, and rules addressing novel legal or policy issues arising out of statutory mandates. The notice must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the nature and significance of the problem to be addressed the legal authority for the rule the nature of any novel legal or policy position and the reasons for it a solicitation for written data, views, or arguments Requires formal rulemaking procedures for high-impact rules, unless the required hearing is waived by all participants. Expands judicial review of agency rulemaking by allowing for immediate review of rulemaking not in compliance with notice requirements. Establishes a substantial evidence standard for affirming agency rulemaking decisions, which requires relevant evidence sufficient for a reasonable mind to accept as adequate to support a conclusion.
<p>S.86 Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]</p>	<p>Introduced Jan. 7, 2015</p> <p>Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jan. 07, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Paperwork Reduction Act to direct agency heads not to impose civil fines for first-time paperwork violations by small businesses unless certain conditions met. Permits an agency to determine that a fine should not be imposed for a violation that presents a danger to public health or safety if the violation is corrected within 24 hours after receipt by the small business owner of notification of the violation.
<p>H.R. 183 Federal Sunset Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Richard Hudson (R-NC-8)</p>	<p>Introduced Jan. 7, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on Jan. 7, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates the Federal Agency Sunset Commission, whose purpose will be to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review all federal agencies on a scheduled basis to determine the efficiency of operation and degree of public need. Make recommendations as to whether each agency should be abolished, reorganized, or consolidated with another agency. The Commission will be composed of members from the House and the Senate.
<p>S. 11 ENFORCE the Law Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)</p>	<p>Introduced Jan. 6, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Judiciary Committee on Jan. 6, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits any officer or employee of the United States from implementing a formal or informal policy to refrain from enforcing, applying, following, or administering any Federal statute, rule, or regulation. Authorizes either House of Congress to bring a civil action if the statute is violated.

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<p>H.R. 104 Cyber Privacy Fortification Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI-13)</p>	<p>Introduced Jan. 6, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations on Jan. 22, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In relevant part, requires federal agencies to include privacy impact assessments in proposed and final agency rules. • Allows the requirement to be waived for emergency and national security reasons. • Requires periodic review of promulgated rules with a significant privacy impact to determine whether the effect can be minimized.
<p>H.R. 161 Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act Link</p>	<p>Rep. Mike Pompeo (R-KS-4)</p>	<p>Introduced Jan. 6, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on Jan. 21, 2015; Received in the Senate on Jan. 22, 2015</p> <p>Committee Reports Rule Committee Bill Consideration Report</p> <p>Statement of Administration Policy Jan. 20, 2015 to House Rules</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires the FERC to approve or deny any certificate of public convenience and necessity for natural gas pipeline projects within 12 months of receiving a complete application. • Requires other agencies to approve or deny licenses or permits for such projects within 90 days of receiving the final FERC environmental document for the project.
<p>H.R. 116 Small Business Freedom of Commerce Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Scott Garrett (R-NJ-5)</p>	<p>Introduced Jan. 6, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Small Business on Jan. 6, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows small businesses to choose to opt out of any federal rule or regulation that went into effect on or after Jan. 20, 2009. • Requires small businesses to communicate to customers that it is not subject to any regulation that was opted out of.
<p>H.R. 113 Federal Reserve Accountability and Transparency Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Scott Garrett (R-NJ-5)</p>	<p>Introduced Jan. 6, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Financial Services Committee on Jan. 6, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires the Federal Reserve to conduct a cost benefit analysis of regulatory alternatives and choose the approach that maximizes net benefits. • Requires a post-adoption impact assessment for any major rule. • Requires the Federal Reserve to issue regulations for nonbank financial company stress test conditions.

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<p>H.R. 37 Promoting Job Creation and Reducing Small Business Burdens Act Link</p>	<p>Rep. Michael G. Fitzpatrick (R-PA-8)</p>	<p>Introduced Jan. 5, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on Jan. 14, 2015; Received in the Senate on Jan. 16, 2015 and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs</p> <p>Committee Reports Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report</p> <p>Statement of Administration Policy Jan. 12, 2015 to House Rules</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In relevant part, requires the SEC to revise current regulations to reduce the burden on small issuers while still providing all material information to investors. • Requires the SEC to eliminate duplicative, overlapping, outdated, or unnecessary provisions in regulation S-K.

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S. 3011 SCRUB Act of 2014 Link	Sen. Orrin G. Hatch (R-UT)	Introduced Dec. 12, 2014 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Dec. 12, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates a commission to review the CFR for rules that impose too high a cost on the economy based on certain defined criteria. Requires agencies to offset the economic cost of a new rule by repealing an existing rule.
H.R. 4874 SCRUB Act of 2014 (Searching for and Cutting Regulations that are Unnecessarily Burdensome) Link	Rep. Jason T. Smith (R-MO-8)	Introduced June 17, 2014 Most Recent Action Reported on by the Judiciary Committee on Dec. 12, 2014 Committee Reports Judiciary Committee	
S. 2988 Regulatory Cost Assessment Act of 2014 Link	Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT)	Introduced Dec. 8, 2014 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs on Dec. 8, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to either 1) follow notice and comment procedures or 2) file a detailed report with Congress before issuing a “guidance document” rather than a rule. Requires agencies to conduct detailed cost-benefit analyses for significant alternatives to proposed rules.
H.R. 5801 Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act of 2014 Link	Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO-3)	Introduced Dec. 4, 2014 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Dec. 18, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires a 100 word plain language explanation of any proposed rule on regulations.gov.
S. 2931 Unfunded Mandates Accountability Act of 2014 Link	Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH)	Introduced Nov. 17, 2014 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Nov. 17, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 to provide for regulatory impact analyses for certain rules and consideration of the least burdensome regulatory alternative. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires any rule that will have a \$100M annual impact on the economy to be accompanied by a regulatory impact analysis report. The report must contain:

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<p>H.R. 4655 Unfunded Mandates Accountability Act of 2013 [sic] Link</p>	<p>Rep. Kevin Yoder (R-KS-3)</p>	<p>Introduced May 9, 2014</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Jul. 21, 2014</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • benefits and costs of the proposed rule • benefits and costs of alternatives to the rule • areas of country where the rule will have a disproportionate impact • a statement of whether there was any communication between state representatives and agency rule makers.
<p>H.R. 899 Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2014 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC-5)</p>	<p>Introduced Feb. 28, 2013</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on Feb. 28, 2014; Received in the Senate on Mar. 4, 2014</p> <p>Committee Reports Oversight and Government Reform Committee</p> <p>Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extends reporting requirements under the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to independent regulatory agencies, except for the Federal Reserve and the Federal Open Market Committee. • Amends the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 to require agencies (not including independent regulatory agencies) to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the problem to be addressed and its significance • Determine whether the problem was created or contributed to by existing regulation, and whether such regulation should be modified instead of creating a new one • Assess whether incentives could be used to encourage desired behaviors, rather than imposing direct regulation • Design regulations in the most cost-effective manner to achieve the objective • Propose or adopt regulation only upon a reasoned determination that the benefits justify the cost • Base decisions on the best scientific, technical, and economic information reasonable available • Identify and assess alternative options • Avoid inconsistent and duplicative regulations, both internally and for those of other agencies • Minimize cumulative costs of regulation • Minimize uncertainty by drafting regulations to be easy to understand. • For rules with an annual aggregate effect of \$100M or more, requires agencies to prepare a written statement saying: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reason for the rule and an explanation of how the rule addresses the identified need • An assessment of the costs and benefits, including how the rule is consistent with statutory requirements and does not unduly interfere with state, local, and tribal governments • Estimates of future compliance costs and any anticipated disproportionate effects on particular regions, states, or segments of the private sector

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A description of the extent of prior consultation with private sector and state, local, and tribal governments. • Requires consultations with state, local, and tribal governments as early as possible before issuing a notice of proposed rulemaking, including providing an estimate of costs and benefits to assist in the consultations. • Requires agencies to conduct a retrospective analysis of existing regulations if requested by the chairman or ranking minority member of any House or Senate committee.
S. 2814 National Labor Relations Board Reform Act of 2014 Link	Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)	<p>Introduced Sept. 16, 2014</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on Sept. 16, 2014.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reforms the NLRB by adding a sixth member appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate, but only after consultation with the leaders of the opposition party. • Requires each major political party to have an equal number of members on the board. • Requires the board to issue a final order on appeals of an administrative law judge within one year and imposes decreased appropriations if the board does not meet a 90% issuance rate within two years of enactment.
S. 2829 Financial Regulatory Clarity Act of 2014 Link	Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)	<p>Introduced Sept. 16, 2014</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs on Sept. 16, 2014</p>	
H.R. 4466 Financial Regulatory Clarify Act of 2014 Link	Rep. Shelley Capito (R-WV-2)	<p>Introduced Apr. 10, 2014</p> <p>Most Recent Action Ordered to be Reported on May 22, 2014</p> <p>Committee Reports House Financial Services 2014 Activity Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires financial regulators to determine whether new regulations or orders are duplicative or inconsistent with existing Federal regulations.
S. 2747 Small Business Regulatory Sunset Act of 2014 Link	Sen. Mark Kirk (R-IL)	<p>Introduced Jul. 31, 2014</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jul. 31, 2014</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires review of existing rules having a significant economic impact on small entities. • Imposes a 7-year sunset provision on covered rules unless renewed by the agency using the notice and comment rulemaking process.

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H.R. 5184 National Regulatory Budget Act of 2014 Link	Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA-1)	Introduced Jul. 24, 2014 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Sept. 26, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates a new independent executive branch agency, the Office of Regulatory Analysis. The agency will be required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to publish a regulatory analysis for proposed rules with an annual economic impact in excess of \$25 million. to create a “regulatory budget” for agencies. Agencies will be prevented from promulgating new rules if their regulatory budget is surpassed. <p>*Note – the bills do not contain any required interaction with OIRA.</p>
S. 2153 National Regulatory Budget Act of 2014 Link	Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL)	Introduced Mar. 25, 2014 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Mar. 25, 2014	
H. Amdt. 1114 (Amends H.R. 3136) Link	Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-SC-4)	Offered: Jul. 23, 2014 Most Recent Action Agreed to by voice vote on Jul. 23, 2014	
H.R. 3136 Advancing Competency- Based Education Demonstration Project Act of 2014 Link	Rep. Matt Salmon (R-AZ-5)	Introduced Sept. 19, 2013 Most Recent Action Passed the House on Jul. 23, 2014. Received in the Senate on Jul. 24, 2014 Committee Reports Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In relevant part, creates a Regulatory Reform Task Force to make recommendations to reduce unnecessary higher education regulations.
H.R. 5034 Stop the EPA Act of 2014 Link	Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO-6)	Introduced Jul. 9, 2014 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Sept. 2, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the EPA to submit a report to Congress detailing all rules (major and nonmajor) to take effect. The report will include information such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classification of the rule as major or nonmajor. A list of any other related regulatory actions that have occurred or are planned to occur. Requires Congress to pass a joint resolution before any major rule promulgated by the EPA can take effect. If Congress does not pass a joint resolution, the rule cannot be considered again by the same Congress.
H.R. 4646	Rep. Patrick Murphy	Introduced May 9, 2014	

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Regulatory Improvement Act of 2014 Link	(D-FL-18)	Most Recent Action Referred to House Rules Committee on May 9, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates a commission tasked with reviewing regulations finalized “not later than 10 years before the date on which the Commission is established” and writing a report to recommend which should be repealed or amended.
S. 1390 Regulatory Improvement Act of 2013 Link	Sen. Angus S. King, Jr. (I-ME)	Introduced Jul. 30, 2013 Most Recent Action Hearing in the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Subcommittee on Mar. 11, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once the commission’s report is complete, requires the House and Senate to introduce the recommended changes to their respective floors. Prohibits amendment to the commission bill by either the House or the Senate. Requires affected agencies to enact changes within 180 days for any commission bill that is passed by Congress.
S. 2099 Sound Regulation Act of 2014 Link	Sen. Daniel Coats (R-IN)	Introduced Mar. 10, 2014 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs on Mar. 10, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates additional cost-benefit analysis requirements for agency rulemaking and impose compliance auditing requirements Requires a minimum of three regulatory options to be considered when addressing a regulatory objective.
H.R. 3863 Sound Regulation Act of 2014 Link	Rep. Kevin Brady (R-TX-8)	Introduced Jan. 14, 2014 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law on Mar. 20, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to conduct a review every four years of all of their respective regulations in effect to determine whether rules: (1) work as intended; (2) further intended objectives; (3) impose unanticipated costs; and (4) generate net benefit.
S. 1730 CURB Act (Clearing Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens) Link	Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME)	Introduced Nov. 19, 2013 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs on Nov. 19, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For each significant regulatory action, each agency shall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit a report to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs that includes an assessment, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the underlying analysis, of benefits anticipated, a quantification of the benefits, costs anticipated, a quantification of the costs assessed, costs and benefits of potentially effective and reasonably feasible alternatives. Develop or have written procedures for the approval of significant guidance documents. Maintain on its website a list of such documents in effect and establish and advertise on its website a means for the public to electronically submit comments.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing that a draft of an economically significant guidance document is available
H.R. 3341 VALUE Act of 2013 Link	Rep. Jack Kingston (R-GA-1)	<p>Introduced Oct. 24, 2013</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Jan. 9, 2014</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When promulgating a rule, requires federal agencies to (1) clearly identify the problem intended to be addressed by the rule; (2) provide a cost/benefit analysis; and (3) identify and analyze alternatives. Requires OMB to review all agency rules every five years and perform a cost/benefit analysis. The results of the review would be reported to the head of the agency.
H.R. 2997 One In, Two Out Act Link	Rep. Michael T. McCaul (R-TX-10)	<p>Introduced Aug. 2, 2013</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Sept. 13, 2013</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits agencies from issuing a major rule unless it has repealed two or more major rules that are related to the proposed rule. Requires rules to be repealed to be published in the Federal Register. However, the requirement would not apply to proposed rules that would make current regulations less burdensome.
H.R. 2804 ALERRT Act of 2014 (Achieving Less Excess in Regulation and Requiring Transparency) Link	Rep. George Holding (R-NC-13)	<p>Introduced Jul. 24, 2013</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on Feb. 27, 2014; Received in the Senate on March 4, 2014</p> <p>Committee Reports Committee on Oversight and Government Reform pt. 1 Committee on Oversight and Government Reform pt. 2 Rule Committee Bill Consideration Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On a monthly basis, requires agency heads to submit to OIRA a report containing the following on rules expected to be proposed or finalized that year: (1) summary of the rule; (2) objectives and legal basis; (3) current stage of rulemaking; (4) whether the rule is subject to periodic review; and (5) estimates of costs and economic effect. Upon receiving report, OIRA shall make it available to the public. OIRA Administrator should state whether an agency did a cost-benefit analysis before passing a law. Where public notice on the Internet is required, no rule can become effective until required information has been available for at least 6 months. In rulemaking, an agency must state: (1) the legal authority for rule; (2) what problem the rule is addressing and the extent of the problem; (3) whether existing rules have exacerbated the problem; (4) alternatives to the proposed rule; (5) what the effect would be without any rule; and (6) potential local response without any rule. Before passing any significant rule, the agency must conduct a public hearing. Agencies must periodically review rules issued by agencies to determine whether some rules should be continued. The findings of the review should be sent to OIRA who will then make it public.
H.R. 2593 Cost-Benefit and Regulatory	Rep. Duncan D. Hunter (R-CA-50)	<p>Introduced June 28, 2013</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to provide Congress with a report for proposed rules containing a cost-benefit analysis and a description of the methods used in conducting the analysis.

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Transparency Enhancement Act of 2013 Link		Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Jul. 15, 2013	
H.R. 2542 Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2013 Link	Rep. Spencer Bachus (R-AL-6)	Introduced June 27, 2013 Most Recent Action Placed on the Union Calendar on Dec. 11, 2013 Committee Reports Judiciary Committee Small Business Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires regulatory flexibility analyses describing alternatives to proposed rules that would minimize adverse significant economic impact, or maximize beneficial significant economic impact, on small entities. • Makes the Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 1980 applicable to all interpretive rules involving a recordkeeping requirement under internal revenue laws. • Requires agencies to provide advance notice to the Small Business Association's Chief Counsel of proposed rules, including the materials used to prepare the proposed rules and information on the potential economic impact on small businesses.
S. 1173 Independent Agency Regulatory Analysis Act of 2013 Link	Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH)	Introduced June 18, 2013 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs on June 18, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorizes the President to require independent regulatory agencies to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to other federal agencies; • provide the Administrator of OIRA with an assessment of the costs and benefits of a proposed or final economically significant rule; • submit any significant rule to the Administrator for review. • Prohibits judicial review of compliance with the Act.
H.R. 2218 Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act of 2013 Link	Rep. David B. McKinley (R-WV-1)	Introduced June 3, 2013 Most Recent Action Passed the House on Jul. 23, 2013; Received in the Senate Jul. 30, 2013 Committee Reports House Energy and Commerce Committee Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends the Solid Waste Disposal Act (SWDA) to authorize each State to adopt and implement a coal combustion residuals permit program. • The head of the lead State implementing agency (as designated by the state) shall submit to the EPA a certification that includes identification of any other State agencies involved with the implementation, description how the State will ensure that the coal combustion residuals permit program meets requirements. • The revised criteria described are criteria for design, groundwater monitoring, corrective action, closure, and post-closure, for structures, location restrictions, criteria for air quality, financial assurance, surface water, and recordkeeping, landfills and other land-based units, and surface impoundments. • If the EPA determines that a State determination under this paragraph does not accurately reflect the needs for the management of coal combustion residuals in the State, the EPA may treat such State determination as a deficiency. Uncorrected deficiencies may result in implementation of a permit program by the EPA, rather than by the State.

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S. 1029 Regulatory Accountability Act of 2013 Link	Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH)	Introduced May 23, 2013 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs on Mar. 3, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to base all preliminary and factual determinations on evidence when making a rule, including assessing reasonable alternatives and potential costs and benefits. Requires agencies to publish advance notice of proposed rulemaking for major and high-impact (annual cost to the economy of \$1B or more) rules, rules with a negative impact on jobs and wage, and rules addressing novel legal or policy issues arising out of statutory mandates. The notice must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the nature and significance of the problem to be addressed the legal authority for the rule the nature of any novel legal or policy position and the reasons for it a solicitation for written data, views, or arguments Requires formal rulemaking procedures for high-impact rules, unless the required hearing is waived by all participants. Expands judicial review of agency rulemaking by allowing for immediate review of rulemaking not in compliance with notice requirements. Establishes a substantial evidence standard for affirming agency rulemaking decisions, which requires relevant evidence sufficient for a reasonable mind to accept as adequate to support a conclusion.
H.R. 2122 Regulatory Accountability Act of 2013 Link	Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA-6)	Introduced May 23, 2013 Most Recent Action Placed on the Union Calendar on Sept. 28, 2013 Committee Reports Judiciary Committee	
S. 807 Plain Writing Act for Regulations of 2013 Link	Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-MO)	Introduced Apr. 24, 2013 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Apr. 24, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to use plain writing, as defined by guidance to be developed by OMB, when promulgating rules. To ensure plain writing is used, requires the designation of a senior official to oversee implementation of the requirements and publication of annual reports.
H.R. 1557 Plain Regulations Act of 2013 Link	Rep. Bruce L. Braley (D-IA-1)	Introduced Apr. 15, 2013 Most Recent Action Referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee on Apr. 15, 2013	
S. 786 Restoring Honesty for our Economy Act Link	Sen. Pat Roberts (R-KS)	Introduced Apr. 23, 2013 Most Recent Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to identify and quantify (or describe why it is not possible to do so) all costs associated with a proposed economically significant regulation prior to finalization.

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		Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Apr. 23, 2013	
H.R. 1493 Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2013 Link	Rep. Doug Collins (R-GA-9)	Introduced Apr. 11, 2013 Most Recent Action Placed on the Union Calendar on Sep. 26, 2013 Committee Reports Judiciary Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require agencies being sued in a civil action to publish the notice of intent to sue and complaint. Requires agencies to publish in the Federal Register covered consent decrees and settlement agreements, and requires the agency to accept public comments.
H.R. 1287 Sound Science Act of 2013 Link	Rep. Stephen Lee Fincher (R-TN-8)	Introduced Mar. 20, 2013 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on Mar. 20, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires federal agencies to have guidelines ensuring the quality, objectivity, utility and integrity of scientific information relied on to make policy decisions.
H.R. 309 Regulatory Sunset and Review Act Link	Rep. Randy Hultgren (R-IL-14)	Introduced Jan. 13, 2013 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Feb. 28, 2013 Referred to Subcommittee on Energy and Power on Jan. 16, 2015.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to periodically review major and/or significant rules and amend, consolidate, or terminate the rules if appropriate. In reviewing rules, requires agencies to solicit comments regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct and indirect costs of the rule Whether the rule or any subsection of the rule is outdated or obsolete due to changes in technology or the marketplace To what degree the rule duplicated or conflicted with rules of other agencies A comparison of the perceived and actual risks addressed by a rule concerning health, safety, or the environment The effect of a rule on domestic or international competition or other free market forces Whether the rule imposed unfunded mandates on state and local governments Whether a compliance with a rule required substantial capital investment, and whether termination would put those not in compliance at an unfair advantage Whether a rule was the least cost method for achieving its goal, and whether it provided flexibility to those subject to the rule Whether the rule was worded simply and clearly Any unintended negative consequences Whether information requirements could be reduced

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1136 212 1486 240">• Positive benefits of the rule.

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H.R. 6333 Sunset Act of 2012 Link	Rep. Steve King (R-IA-5)	Introduced Aug. 2, 2012 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law on Sep. 7, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every three months, each agency must submit to Congress a report including each rule the agency promulgated during the covered period. • No rule can be implemented unless Congress enacts a joint resolution approving the regulation. • Excludes rules related to rules (1) approving future rates, wages, prices, services, or allowances; (2) relating to agency management or personnel; or (3) relating to agency organization, procedure, or practice.
S. 3468 Independent Regulatory Analysis Act of 2012 Link	Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH)	Introduced Aug. 1, 2012 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs on Aug. 1, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorizes the President to require independent regulatory agencies to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to other federal agencies • provide the Administrator of OIRA with an assessment of the costs and benefits of a proposed or final significant rule • submit to the Administrator for review any proposed or final significant rule.
S. 2368 Midnight Rule Relief Act of 2012 Link	Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI)	Introduced Apr. 25, 2012 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on April 25, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibits an agency from proposing or finalizing any midnight rule that OIRA finds is significant or major. • Exempts emergency rules or rules repealing existing rules.
H.R. 4607 Midnight Rule Review Act of 2012 Link	Rep. Reid J. Ribble (R-WI-8)	Introduced Apr. 24, 2012 Most Recent Action Placed on the Union Calendar on June 1, 2012 Committee Reports Committee on Oversight and Government Reform	
H.R. 4116 Regulatory Accountability and Economic Freedom Act of 2012 Link	Rep. Tom Latham (R-IA-4)	Introduced Mar. 1, 2012 Most Recent Action Referred to Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law on Mar. 6, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For each rule expected to be proposed or finalized during the year, the agency heads must summarize the rule and explain objectives of the rule; relative cost of the rule and the economic effect of the rule. • Major rules will not take effect unless Congress enacts a joint resolution approving the rule.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Act would also establish the Red Tape Reduction Commission. Commissioner is tasked with reviewing current regulations and proposing less burdensome ones.
H.R. 4078 Red Tape Reduction and Small Business Job Creation Act Link	Rep. Tim Griffin (R-AR-2)	<p>Introduced Feb. 17, 2012</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on Jul. 26, 2012; Received in the Senate on Jul. 30, 2012 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders Calendar No. 477, on Jul. 31, 2012.</p> <p>Committee Reports Judiciary Committee Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consolidates several different bills into a single bill with multiple titles as described below. Regulatory Freeze for Jobs Act of 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An agency may take a significant regulatory action only in accordance with Act during a prescribed period. Presidential and congressional waivers are available. Midnight Rule Relief Act of 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Except as provided in this Act, an agency may not propose or finalize any midnight rule that the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget finds is likely to result in an annual cost to the economy of \$50,000,000 or more. Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The complaint in the action, the consent decree, or settlement agreement; the statutory basis for the consent decree or settlement agreement and its terms; and any award of attorneys' fees or costs shall be published, including electronically, in a readily accessible manner by the defendant agency. The defendant agency shall publish in the Federal Register and by electronic means, any proposed consent decree, or settlement agreement for no fewer than 60 days of public comment before filing it with the court. The court shall include in the judicial record the full administrative record. The defendant agency may hold a public hearing. Each agency shall submit an annual report to Congress on the number, identity, and content of complaints, consent decrees, and settlement agreement for that year. Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Congressional Budget Act of 1974 amended to include independent regulatory agencies. At the request of any Chairman, the Director shall conduct an assessment comparing the authorized level of funding in a bill or resolution to the prospective costs of carrying out any changes. Responsibly and Professionally Invigorating Development Act of 2012 (RAPID)

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not more than one environmental impact statement and one environmental assessment shall be prepared under NEPA for a project. • Allows the agency responsible for preparing the environmental document(s) (the lead agency) to request that the project sponsor prepare any document required to support the environmental review, so long as the lead agency provides oversight and independent evaluation of the furnished documents. • The lead agency shall prepare and publish a supplement to any document adopted from a project completed under state law if the lead agency determines that a significant change has been made to the project, or there have been significant changes in circumstances or availability of information.
S. 1938 Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2011 Link	Sen. Olympia J. Snowe (R-ME)	Introduced Dec. 1, 2011 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Dec. 1, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires agencies to prominently display a plain language summary of the information contained in the regulatory flexibility agenda. • Requires a complete analysis of rules to determine the potential impacts on small entities. • Each initial regulatory flexibility analysis required shall provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasons why action is being considered; objectives; projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other compliance requirements of the proposed rule; the additional cumulative economic impact of the proposed rule; any disproportionate economic impact on small entities or a specific class of small entities. • The Small Business Administration shall, after opportunity for notice and comment, issue rules governing agency compliance.
H.R. 527 Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2011 Link	Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX-21)	Introduced Feb. 8, 2011 Most Recent Action Passed the House on Dec. 1, 2011; Received in the Senate on Dec. 5, 2011 Committee Reports Judiciary Committee #1 Judiciary Committee #2 Judiciary Committee #3 Small Business Committee Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report	
H.R. 3309 FCC Process Reform Act of 2012 Link	Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR-2)	Introduced Nov. 2, 2011 Most Recent Action Passed the House on March 27, 2012; Received in the Senate on March 28, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends the Communications Act of 1934. • The Commission may not issue a notice of proposed rulemaking unless the Commission provides for a period of not less than 30 days for the submission of comments and an additional period of not less than 30 days for the submission of reply comments on such notice. • The notice of proposed rulemaking is required to include:

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H.R. 3010 Regulatory Accountability Act of 2011 Link	Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX-21)	Introduced Sept. 22, 2011 Most Recent Action Passed the House on Dec. 2, 2011; Received in the Senate on Dec. 5, 2011 Committee Reports Judiciary Committee Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to base all preliminary and factual determinations on evidence when making a rule, including assessing reasonable alternatives and potential costs and benefits. Requires agencies to publish advance notice of proposed rulemaking for major and high-impact (annual cost to the economy of \$1B or more) rules, rules with a negative impact on jobs and wage, and rules addressing novel legal or policy issues arising out of statutory mandates. The notice must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the nature and significance of the problem to be addressed the legal authority for the rule the nature of any novel legal or policy position and the reasons for it a solicitation for written data, views, or arguments Requires formal rulemaking procedures for high-impact rules, unless the required hearing is waived by all participants. Expands judicial review of agency rulemaking by allowing for immediate review of rulemaking not in compliance with notice requirements. Establishes a substantial evidence standard for affirming agency rulemaking decisions, which requires relevant evidence sufficient for a reasonable mind to accept as adequate to support a conclusion.
S. 1606 Regulatory Accountability Act of 2011 Link	Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH)	Introduced Sept. 22, 2011 Most Recent Action Referred to the committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Sept. 22, 2011	
H.R. 2964 Unfunded Mandates Accountability Act of 2011 Link	Rep. Kevin Yoder (R-KS-3)	Introduced Sept. 15, 2011 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform on Oct. 3, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995. Requires regulatory impact analysis for rules that do not involve legislative mandate. Requires federal agencies to prepare and publish in the Federal Register an initial and final regulatory impact analysis prior to promulgating any proposed or final rule that may have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more or that may result in the expenditure of \$100 million or more. Amends the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to require independent regulatory agencies to conduct regulatory impact analyses.
S. 1189 Unfunded Mandates Accountability Act of 2011 Link	Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH)	Introduced June 14, 2011 Most Recent Action	

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S. 1538 Regulatory Time-Out Act of 2011 Link	Sen. Susan M. Collins (R-ME)	Introduced Sept. 12, 2011 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Sept. 12, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspends the effective date of certain covered regulations for one-year • Defines a "covered regulation" as a final regulation that did not take effect before September 1, 2011, that increases costs on businesses in a manner that will have an adverse effect on job creation, job retention, productivity, competitiveness.
H.R. 2681 Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act of 2011 Link	Rep. John Sullivan (R-OK-1)	Introduced July 28, 2011 Most Recent Action Passed the House on Oct. 6, 2011; Received in the Senate on Oct. 11, 2011. Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders, Calendar No. 192, on Oct. 12, 2011. Committee Reports Energy and Commerce Committee Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Administrator of the EPA proposes regulations for the Portland cement manufacturing industry and Portland cement plants establishing maximum achievable control technology standards, performance standards, and other requirements, identifying non-hazardous secondary materials. • The Administrator shall establish a date for compliance with standards and requirements under such regulation. • The Administrator shall ensure that emissions standards for existing and new sources can be met under actual operating conditions consistently and concurrently with emission standards for all other air pollutants regulated by the rule for the source category. • For each regulation promulgated, from among the range of regulatory alternatives, the Administrator shall impose the least burdensome.
H.R. 2587 Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act Link	Rep. Tim Scott (R-SC-1)	Introduced July 19, 2011 Most Recent Action Passed the House on Sept. 15, 2011; Received in the Senate on Sept. 15, 2011 Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders, Calendar No. 173, on Sept. 16, 2011. Committee Reports Education and Workforce Committee Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends the National Labor Relations Act so that the Board shall not have power to order an employer to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restore or reinstate any work, product, production line, or equipment • Rescind any relocation, transfer, subcontract or outsourcing • Make an initial or additional investment at a particular plant or facility.
S. 1338 Regulatory Capture	Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)	Introduced Jul. 7, 2011 Most Recent Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes the Office of Regulatory Integrity within the Office of Management and Budget. • The Administrator shall investigate and report on the influence of concentrated economic interests on Federal agencies

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Prevention Act of 2011 Link		Hearings held by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jul. 20, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Administrator shall develop, in consultation with the Administrative Conference of the United States, written guidance describing the most pervasive threats to regulatory integrity and the factors that primarily inform the exercise of the Administrator's investigatory discretion.
H.R. 2308 SEC Regulatory Accountability Act Link	Rep. Scott Garrett (R-NJ-5)	<p>Introduced June 23, 2011</p> <p>Most Recent Action Placed on the Union Calendar on Apr. 25, 2012</p> <p>Committee Reports Financial Services Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), before issuing a regulation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> clearly identify the nature and source of the problem utilize the Chief Economist to assess the costs and benefits identify and assess available alternatives ensure that any regulation is accessible, consistent, written in plain language, and easy to understand. Requires the SEC to take into consideration the investor choice, market liquidity in the securities markets, and effect on small businesses.
H.R. 2250 EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011 Link	Rep. H. Morgan Griffith (R-VA-9)	<p>Introduced June 21, 2011</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on Oct. 13, 2011; Received in the Senate Oct. 17, 2011; Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders, Calendar No. 201, on Oct. 18, 2011.</p> <p>Committee Reports Energy and Commerce Committee Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the EPA to propose rules to establish maximum achievable control technology standards and performance standards for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> industrial, commercial, and institutional boilers and process heaters; commercial and industrial solid waste incinerator units. Requires that emissions standards for existing and new sources can be met under actual operating conditions consistently and concurrently with emission standards for all other air pollutants regulated by the rule for the source category. Requires adoption of the least burdensome from among the range of regulatory alternatives.
S. 1030 Freedom from Restrictive Excessive Executive Demands and Onerous Mandates Act of 2011 Link	Sen. Olympia J. Snowe (R-ME)	<p>Introduced May 19, 2011</p> <p>Most Recent Action Hearing held by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jul. 20, 2011</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) to revise the regulatory process (rulemaking) for small entities. Expands judicial review of agency rulemaking to permit small entities to seek judicial review of initial regulatory flexibility analyses and to obtain an injunction of a proposed rule that is noncompliant with RFA requirements. Requires each agency to establish a plan for review every nine years. Requires each agency to periodically review the civil penalties it imposes on small entities for violations of statutory or regulatory requirement.
H.R. 1840 To Improve Consideration	Rep. Michael K. Conaway (R-TX-11)	<p>Introduced May 11, 2011</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Commodity Exchange Act to require the CFTC to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> assess the costs and benefits before promulgating a regulation;

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by the CFTC of the Costs and Benefits of its Regulations and Orders Link		<p>Most Recent Action Placed on Union Calendar on May 16, 2012</p> <p>Committee Reports Committee on Agriculture</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> propose or adopt a regulation only on a reasoned determination that the benefits of the intended regulation justify the costs; and measure and seek to improve the actual results of regulatory requirements.
H.R. 1633 Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011 Link	Rep. Kristi L. Noem (R-SD-At Large)	<p>Introduced Apr. 15, 2011</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on Dec. 8, 2011; Received in the Senate on Dec. 12, 2011; Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders, Calendar No. 256, on Dec. 13, 2011.</p> <p>Committee Reports Committee on Energy and Commerce Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits the EPA from proposing, finalizing, implementing or enforcing any regulation revising the national primary ambient air quality standard or the national secondary ambient air quality standard applicable to particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter greater than 2.5 micrometers. Does not apply where nuisance dust is not regulated under State, tribal, or local law and the nuisance dust causes substantial adverse public health. Requires the benefits of applying standards and other requirements to outweigh the costs.
H.R. 872 Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2011 Link	Rep. Bob Gibbs (R-OH-18)	<p>Introduced Mar. 2, 2011</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on Mar. 31, 2011; Placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar on June 21, 2011.</p> <p>Committee Reports Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Agriculture Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends FIFRA and the Clean Water Act so that the EPA may not require a permit for a discharge from a point source into navigable waters of a pesticide or residue of a pesticide which have been authorized for sale, distribution, or use under the FIFRA.
S. 358 Regulatory Responsibility for our Economy Act of 2011 Link	Sen. Pat Roberts (R-KS)	<p>Introduced Feb. 15, 2011</p> <p>Most Recent Action Hearings Held by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jul. 20, 2011</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to propose or adopt regulations only upon a reasoned determination that the benefits justify the costs. Requires regulations to be adopted through a process involving public participation. Requires agencies to consider how best to promote retrospective analysis of rules to determine if they are outmoded, ineffective, insufficient, or excessively burdensome.
S. 299 REINS Act of 2011	Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY)	<p>Introduced Feb. 7, 2011</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Before a rule may take effect, submit to each House of Congress and to the Comptroller General a report containing:

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(Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny) Link		Most Recent Action Hearings Held by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jul. 20, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the rule • A general statement explaining the rule • Whether the rule is major or non-major • A list of other related actions • Submit to the Comptroller General and to each House of Congress a copy of the cost-benefit analysis, if any, including analysis of jobs added/lost. • Each House shall provide copies of the report to the Chairman and Ranking Member of each standing committee. • The Comptroller General shall provide a report on each major rule. • A major rule shall take effect upon enactment of a joint resolution of approval. • A non-major rule shall take effect after submission to Congress if Congress does not enact a joint resolution within 70 session days.
H.R. 10 REINS Act of 2011 (Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny) Link	Rep. Geoff Davis (R-KY-4)	Introduced Jan. 20, 2011 Most Recent Action Passed the House on Dec. 7, 2011; Received in the Senate on Dec. 8, 2011 Committee Reports Judiciary Committee Rules Committee Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report	