

AMERUS GROUP CO/IA  
Form 8-K  
November 08, 2004

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported: November 4, 2004)

**AMERUS GROUP CO.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

IOWA

001-15166

42-1458424

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(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

699 WALNUT STREET  
DES MOINES, IOWA

50309-3948

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (515) 362-3600

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

(d) Ward M. Klein and Heidi L. Steiger were appointed to the Board of Directors of AmerUs Group Co. ( Company ) on November 4, 2004. Mr. Klein was named as a member of the Company's Human Resources and Compensation Committee and Ms. Steiger was named as a member of the Company's Investment and Risk Management Committee. There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Klein or Ms. Steiger and any other persons pursuant to which either director was elected. There are no transactions involving the Company and Mr. Klein or Ms. Steiger that would be required to be reported by Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. The Company issued a press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Klein and Ms. Steiger. A copy of this release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 (c). Financial Statements and Exhibits**

99.1 Press Release dated November 5, 2004

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AMERUS GROUP CO.

By: /s/ Melinda Urion  
Melinda Urion  
Executive Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer &  
Treasurer

Dated: November 8, 2004

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EXHIBITS

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release dated November 5, 2004