AMERUS GROUP CO/IA Form 8-K July 25, 2006

# 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: July 25, 2006)

#### AMERUS GROUP CO.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

IOWA 001-15166 42-1458424

(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer of Incorporation) Identification No.)

699 WALNUT STREET DES MOINES, IOWA

50309-3948

(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:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On July 25, 2006, AmerUs Group Co. (the Company ) issued the press release attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K, which the Company is filing under this Item 8.01 as Exhibit 99.1.

## ITEM 9.01 (d). EXHIBITS

99.1 Press Release dated July 25, 2006.

#### **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/ Christopher J. Littlefield Christopher J. Littlefield Executive Vice President & General Counsel

Dated: July 25, 2006

## **EXHIBITS**

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated July 25, 2006.