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Form 8-K
February 21, 2002

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: February 20, 2002)

AMERUS GROUP CO.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

IOWA (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	000-30898 (Commission File Number)	42-1458424 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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699 WALNUT STREET DES MOINES, IOWA (Address of principal executive offices)	50309-3948 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (515) 362-3600

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On February 20, 2002, AmerUs Group Co. issued a press release announcing its planned convertible notes offering. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 7 (c). EXHIBITS

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated February 20, 2002.

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/ Brenda J. Cushing

Brenda J. Cushing
Senior Vice President &
Controller

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Dated: February 20, 2002

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