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Form 8-K  
February 17, 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)  
February 17, 2006

THE COMMERCE GROUP, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Massachusetts (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	001-13672	04-2599931 (Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
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211 Main Street, Webster, Massachusetts 01570  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (508) 943-9000

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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

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At the meeting of the Board of Directors held on Friday, February 17, 2006, Randall V. Becker was elected Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, effective February 17, 2006. Mr. Becker replaces Gerald Fels who was elected Chief Financial Officer in 1975 and remains as Executive Vice President of the Company. In a January 19, 2006 press release, the Company announced the election of Mr. Fels as President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board, effective July 28, 2006 upon the retirement of Arthur J. Remillard, Jr.

Mr. Becker, 45, has served as Treasurer and Chief Accounting Officer of the Company since 1994. He joined the Company in 1986 as the Director of Internal Audit and was elected as Assistant Treasurer and Comptroller in 1990. Mr. Becker is also a Director of the Company, first elected in 2003.

### 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.

THE COMMERCE GROUP, INC.  
February 17, 2006

/s/ John M. Meciak  
John M. Meciak  
Assistant Treasurer and Controller