

HOME DEPOT INC  
Form 8-K  
February 24, 2005

**UNITED STATES  
 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**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 24, 2005

**THE HOME DEPOT, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

<u>Delaware</u> (State or Other Jurisdiction  of Incorporation)	<u>1-8207</u> (Commission File Number)	<u>95-3261426</u> (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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2455 Paces Ferry Road, N.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30339

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(770) 433-8211

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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 (see General Instruction A.2 below):

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointments of Principal Officers.

(d) At a meeting of the Board of Directors of The Home Depot, Inc. held on February 24, 2005, Mr. Tom Ridge was elected as a Director of the Company on the recommendation of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Board of Directors. Mr. Ridge was also appointed to serve as a member of the Board's Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and IT Advisory Council. The Company's press release announcing this development is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit      Description

99.1            Press Release of The Home Depot, Inc. dated February 24, 2005.

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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.

THE HOME DEPOT, INC.

By: /s/ Frank L. Fernandez

Name: Frank L. Fernandez

Title: Executive Vice President, Secretary  
and General Counsel

Date: February 24, 2005

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