

BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES INC  
Form 8-K  
October 20, 2008

**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) October 16, 2008**

**BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**VIRGINIA**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**0-209**  
(Commission File No.)

**54-0135270**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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3525 FAIRYSTONE PARK HIGHWAY

**BASSETT, VIRGINIA**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**24055**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code 276/629-6000**

(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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- .. 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 October 16, 2008, the Registrant issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors had declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.10 per share payable on December 1, 2008 to shareholders of record on November 17, 2008. It also announced that its Board of Directors had decided to suspend making any decision with respect to the \$0.50 per share second special dividend that it previously said it intended to make during 2008. A copy of the news release announcing this information is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit 99 News release issued by Bassett Furniture Industries, Inc. on October 16, 2008.

Signatures

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.

BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED

Date: October 20, 2008

By: /s/ Barry C. Safrit  
Barry C. Safrit

Title: Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer