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LOWES COMPANIES INC Form 8-K February 07, 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 February earliest event reported) 1, 2006

#### LOWE'S COMPANIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

North Carolina
1-7898
56-0578072
(State or other jurisdiction Number)
(Commission File jurisdiction Number)
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1000 Lowe's Blvd., 28117
Mooresville, NC
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone (704) number, including area code

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):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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))

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#### **ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS**

On February 1, 2006, Lowe's Companies, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release, furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference, announcing the approval of an increase in its current share repurchase program of up to \$1 billion, effective immediately.

The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit attached hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. Furthermore, the information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

#### ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) EXHIBITS

99.1 Press Release dated February 1, 2006.

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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.

#### LOWE'S COMPANIES, INC.

Date: February 7, 2006 By: /s/ Matthew V. Hollifield

Matthew V. Hollifield Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer