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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 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): <u>June 18, 2009</u> THE CATO CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware 1-31340 56-0484485

(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

8100 Denmark Road, Charlotte, NC 28273-5975

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(704) 554-8510

(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:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- 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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Effective June 18, 2009, Robert W. Bradshaw, Jr. retired from the Company s Board of Directors. There were no disagreements between Mr. Bradshaw and the registrant in regard to his retirement.

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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.

THE CATO CORPORATION

June 24, 2009 /s/ John P. Derham Cato

Date

John P. Derham Cato
Chairman, President and
Chief Executive Officer

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