

AMERUS GROUP CO/IA

Form 5

February 14, 2005

**FORM 5****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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1(b).Form 3 Holdings  
Reported

Form 4

Transactions

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL  
OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
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response... 1.01. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HEITZ MARK V**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**ONE AMVESTORS PLACE, 555  
S. KANSAS AVENUE**

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**AMERUS GROUP CO/IA [AMH]**3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**12/31/2004**4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed (Month/Day/Year)5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)  
President & CEO AmerUs Annuity

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

**TOPEKA, KS 66601-2039**

(City) (State) (Zip)

☒ Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/28/2004	12/28/2004	G	2,050 D \$ 0	29,895.01	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â Â	11,089.79	I	401 (k) Plan

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. of D S B O E I F (I
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HEITZ MARK V ONE AMVESTORS PLACE 555 S. KANSAS AVENUE TOPEKA, KS 66601-2039	Â	Â	Â President&CEO AmerUs Annuity	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Jeananne M. Celandier, attorney-in-fact for Mr.  
Heitz

02/14/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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