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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): April 17, 2009

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

THE CATO CORPORATION

Delaware 1-31340 56-0484485

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

8100 Denmark Road, Charlotte, 28273-5975

NC

(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)

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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.

On April 21, 2009, the Company issued a press release announcing that B. Allen Weinstein, its Executive Vice President, Chief Merchandising Officer, has retired as of April 17, 2009. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, and the contents thereof are incorporated herein by reference.

The terms of any severance for Mr. Weinstein have not been finalized, but will be disclosed as required by applicable securities regulations when they are determined.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release of The Cato Corporation dated April 21, 2009.

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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

April 23, 2009 Date /s/ John P. D. Cato John P. D. Cato Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer 3