

ALLEGHANY CORP /DE
Form 8-K
February 29, 2012

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): February 23, 2012

ALLEGHANY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) **1-9371** (Commission File Number) **51-0283071** (IRS Employer Identification No.)
7 Times Square Tower, 17th Floor, New York, New York 10036

(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

(212) 752-1356

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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.**

(b) At a meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of Alleghany Corporation (the Corporation) on February 23, 2012, Dan R. Carmichael notified the Board that he will retire as a director of the Corporation effective as of the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Corporation, currently scheduled to be held on April 27, 2012, and thus that he will not stand for re-election as a director of the Corporation.

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.

ALLEGHANY CORPORATION

Date: February 29, 2012

By: /s/ Roger B. Gorham

Name: Roger B. Gorham

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer