

HANCOCK JOHN PATRIOT PREFERRED DIVIDEND FUND  
Form SC 13D  
June 02, 2006

United States  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 9)

John Hancock Patriot Preferred Dividend Fund  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock  
(Title of Class of Securities)

41013J-10-7  
(CUSIP Number)

The Commerce Group, Inc.  
211 Main Street  
Webster, MA 01570  
(508) 943-9000  
(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person  
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

May 26, 2006  
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Section 240. Rule 13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box: [ ]

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act.

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
  
The Commerce Group Inc.  
ID# 04-2599931
2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP  
  
(a)    
(b)
3. SEC USE ONLY
4. SOURCE OF FUNDS [WC]
5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL [ ]  
PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)
6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
  
Massachusetts  
  
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH
7. SOLE VOTING POWER 1,478,700
8. SHARED VOTING POWER 0
9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 1,478,700
10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 0
11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
  
1,478,700
12. CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES [ ]
13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
20.4%
14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
[HC]

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ITEM 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER

This Schedule 13D relates to the shares of beneficial interest (the "Shares") of John Hancock Patriot Preferred Dividend Fund (the "Fund"), a Massachusetts business trust registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Investment Company Act"). The principal executive offices of the Fund are located at 601 Congress Street, Boston, MA 02210.

ITEM 2. IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND

This Schedule 13D is being filed by The Commerce Group Inc. (the "Reporting Person"), a corporation formed under the laws of Massachusetts. The Reporting Person is a corporation whose principal offices are located at 211 Main Street, Webster, MA 01570.

ITEM 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION

The source of the funds used by the Reporting Person to purchase shares listed in Item 5(a) was working capital. This amount of the funds used to purchase such shares reported in Annex A aggregated approximately \$1,448,998.

ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION

No material change has taken place since the previous filing.

ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

(a) The Fund's reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission report that 7,257,200 Shares are outstanding. Based upon such number, the Reporting

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Person beneficially owns 20.4% of the Fund's outstanding Shares.

(b) The Reporting Person is the beneficial owner (through its insurance subsidiary as listed below) of 1,478,700 shares, over which it has sole power of disposition and voting. Such number of Shares represents approximately 20.4% of the outstanding Shares.

	Shares	Cost
The Commerce Insurance Company	1,478,700	\$15,858,849

(c) During the period from March 26, 2006 through May 26, 2006, the Reporting Person has effected the following purchases of common stock, all of which were made on the New York Stock Exchange (see attached Annex A).

(d) No person other than the Reporting Person has the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the shares of Common Stock owned by the Reporting Person.

(e) It is inapplicable to state the date on which the Reporting Person ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the Common Stock.

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## ITEM 6. CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS OR RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

The Reporting Person does not have any contract, arrangement, understanding or relationship (legal or otherwise) with any person with respect to any securities of the Fund, including, but not limited to, the transfer or voting of any such securities, finders' fees, joint ventures, loan or option arrangements, puts or calls, guarantees of profits, division of profits or loss, or the giving or withholding of proxies.

## ITEM 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS

Annex A Item 5(c) Information

SIGNATURE

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After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

JUNE 2, 2006

THE COMMERCE GROUP INC.

/s/ John M. Meciak  
John M. Meciak  
Assistant Treasurer

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ANNEX A  
Item 5 (c) - Information

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COMMERCE INSURANCE COMPANY  
PURCHASES

From 3/26/06 - 5/26/06

TRADE DATE	SETTLEMENT DATE	SHARES PURCHASED	PRICE PER SHARE	ACQUISITION COST
03/28/06	03/31/06	5,900	\$12.93	\$ 76,502.35
04/03/06	04/06/06	4,400	12.78	56,372.80
04/04/06	04/07/06	2,500	12.86	32,235.50
04/05/06	04/10/06	1,100	12.89	14,218.49
04/06/06	04/11/06	3,300	13.00	43,014.51
04/07/06	04/17/06	27,100	13.04	354,253.91
04/10/06	04/13/06	6,000	13.00	78,225.00
04/11/06	04/17/06	5,500	12.98	71,593.50
04/12/06	04/18/06	1,100	13.00	14,338.50
04/17/06	04/20/06	3,700	12.46	46,231.50
04/18/06	04/21/06	2,100	12.27	25,843.44

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04/19/06	04/24/06	2,900	12.44	36,171.41
04/26/06	05/01/06	10,000	12.15	121,800.00
05/01/06	05/04/06	3,200	12.30	39,472.00
05/09/06	05/12/06	2,200	12.24	27,005.00
05/15/06	05/18/06	1,700	11.99	20,442.50
05/17/06	05/22/06	600	11.94	7,185.00
05/18/06	05/23/06	2,000	11.91	23,890.00
05/22/06	05/25/06	1,500	11.93	17,947.50
05/23/06	05/26/06	4,700	11.96	56,360.52
05/24/06	05/30/06	9,100	11.91	108,656.73
05/25/06	05/31/06	6,900	11.93	82,553.67
05/26/06	06/01/06	7,900	11.95	\$ 94,683.87
TOTALS		115,400		\$1,448,997.70