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Form 8-K

July 18, 2001

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) July 18, 2001

FLEETBOSTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

RHODE ISLAND

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-6366

05-0341324

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

One Federal Street, Boston, MA 02210

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 617-434-2200

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 5. Other Events.

Pursuant to Form 8-K, General Instruction F, the Company hereby

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incorporates by reference the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Other Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. ----- | Description ----- |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Exhibit 99 | Press Release Dated July 18, 2001 |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed in its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FLEETBOSTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ William C. Mutterperl

Name: William C. Mutterperl
Title: Executive Vice President, Secretary
and General Counsel

Dated: July 18, 2001