AS FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION ON MARCH 2, 1998. SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(A) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Filed by the Registrant [] Filed by a Party other than the Registrant [X] Check the appropriate box: [] Confidential, for Use of the Commission [] Preliminary Proxy Statement Only (as permitted by Rule 14A-6(e)(2)) Definitive Proxy Statement [] Definitive Additional Materials |X|[] Soliciting Material Pursuant to Section 240.14a-11(c) or Section 240.14a-12 AMERICAN BANKERS INSURANCE GROUP, INC. -----(Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter) AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP, INC. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ . (Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement if other than the Registrant) Payment of Filing Fee (Check the appropriate box): [X] No Fee required. [] Fee computed on table below per Exchange Act Rules 14a-6(i)(4) and 0-11: (1) Title of each class of securities to which transaction applies: (2) Aggregate number of securities to which the transaction applies: (3) Per unit price or other underlying value of transaction computed pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 0-11 (Set forth the amount on which the filing fee is calculated and state how it was determined): (4) Proposed maximum aggregate value of transaction: (5) Total fee paid: [] Fee paid previously with preliminary materials. Check box if any part of the fee is offset as provided by Exchange Act Rule [] 0-11(a)(2) and identify the filing for which the offsetting fee was paid previously. Identify the previous filing by registration statement number, or the Form or Schedule and the date of its filing. (1) Amount Previously Paid: (2) Form, Schedule or Registration Statement No.:

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On February 27, 1998, American International Group, Inc. submitted the following letters to the Arizona Department of Insurance, the South Carolina Department of Insurance and the Georgia Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner, respectively:

[LOW & CHILDERS, P.C. LETTERHEAD]

February 27, 1998

VIA HAND-DELIVERY

Mr. John Greene Director Arizona Department of Insurance 2910 North 44th Street, Suite 210 Phoenix, Arizona 85018

RE: APPLICATION OF AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP, INC. TO ACQUIRE CONTROL OF AMERICAN BANKERS INSURANCE GROUP, INC.

Dear Director Greene:

I understand that counsel to Cendant has submitted to your Department a letter arguing that AIG has already acquired control of ABIG by virtue of contractual provisions of the merger and related agreements between AIG and ABIG which AIG filed with your Department in its original Form A filing of January 9, 1998.

This argument is obviously wrong as a matter of fact and law and is unworthy of your consideration. Cendant is simply attempting to confuse, delay and abuse the regulatory process and the public securities markets by drawing focus from the real issues -- Cendant's unfitness to acquire an insurance company and the illegality of Cendant's holding and voting proxies as to 10% or more shares without prior approval.

AIG does not control ABIG. The cited contractual provisions of the merger agreement and related documents do not confer control as a matter of fact or law. Provisions intended to facilitate the successful completion of a mutually negotiated merger agreement are customary in merger agreements, as you (and Cendant) are well aware. AIG has sought to obtain your Department's prior approval of its acquisition of control of ABIG pursuant to the merger agreement and related documents filed as part of AIG's Form A. AIG has not failed to seek approval for another manner of acquisition of control of ABIG (as Cendant has failed to do with respect to its proxy solicitation).

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We appreciate the time and effort your Department is devoting to the unfortunate situation caused by Cendant's hostile offer. Unlike Cendant, AIG has not, and never will, ask your Department to devote your time and effort to considering false and misleading arguments.

Very truly yours

/s/ Steven R. Henry Steven R. Henry

SRH:mal

cc: Charles Cohen, Deputy Director S. David Childers, Esq. February 27, 1998

Gwendolyn L. Fuller, Esquire South Carolina Department of Insurance Post Office Box 100105 Columbia, SC 29202-3105

> RE: Acquisition of American Bankers Insurance Group, Inc. by American International Group, Inc. Our File No.: 3645/1504

Dear Gwen:

I understand that counsel for Cendant has submitted to the Department a letter dated February 24, 1998, arguing that AIG has already acquired control of ABIG by virtue of contractual provisions of the merger and related agreements between AIG and ABIG which AIG filed with the Department in its original Form A filing of January 9, 1998.

This argument is wrong as a matter of fact and law and is not worthy of consideration. Cendant is simply attempting to confuse, delay, and abuse the regulatory process and the public securities markets by drawing focus from the real issues -- Cendant's unfitness to acquire an insurance company and the illegality of Cendant's holding and voting proxies as to 10% or more shares without prior approval.

AIG does not control ABIG. The cited contractual provisions of the merger agreement and related documents do not confer control as a matter of fact or law. Provisions intended to facilitate the successful completion of a mutually negotiated merger agreement are customary in merger agreements, as you (and Cendant) are aware. AIG has sought to obtain the Department's prior approval of its acquisition of control of ABIG pursuant to the merger agreement and related documents filed as part of AIG's Form A. AIG has not failed to seek approval for another manner of acquisition of control of ABIG (as Cendant has failed to do with respect to its proxy solicitation). Gwendolyn L. Fuller, Esquire February 27, 1998 Page 2

We appreciate the time and effort the Department is devoting to the unfortunate situation caused by Cendant's hostile offer. Unlike Cendant, AIG has not, and never will, ask the Department to devote time and effort to considering false and misleading arguments.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Cal Watson

J. Calhoun Watson

JCW:cln

February 27, 1998

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable John Oxendine Commissioner of Insurance Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Suite 612, West Tower 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive Atlanta, GA 30334 Attention: Margaret Witten, Esq.

RE: APPLICATION OF AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP, INC. TO ACQUIRE CONTROL OF AMERICAN BANKERS INSURANCE GROUP, INC.

Dear Commissioner Oxendine:

I understand that counsel to Cendant has submitted to your Department a letter arguing that AIG has already acquired control of ABIG by virtue of contractual provisions of the merger and related agreements between AIG and ABIG which AIG filed with your Department in its original Form A filing.

This argument is obviously wrong as a matter of fact and law and is unworthy of your consideration. Cendant is simply attempting to confuse, delay and abuse the regulatory process and the public securities markets by drawing focus from the real issues - Cendant's unfitness to acquire an insurance company and the illegality of Cendant's holding and voting proxies as to 10% or more shares without prior approval.

AIG does not control ABIG. The cited contractual provisions of the merger agreement and related documents do not confer control as matter of fact or law. Provisions intended to facilitate the successful completion of a mutually negotiated merger agreement are customary in merger agreements, as you (and Cendant) are well aware. AIG has sought to obtain your Department's prior approval of its acquisition of control of ABIG pursuant to the merger agreement and related documents filed as part of AIG's Form A. AIG has not failed to seek approval for another manner of acquisition of control of ABIG (as Cendant has failed to do with respect to its proxy solicitation). The Honorable John Oxendine February 27, 1998 Page 2

We appreciate the time and effort your Department is devoting to the unfortunate situation caused by Cendant's hostile offer. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or concerns with this or any other matter.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Todd M. Campbell Todd M. Campbell

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