

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

() Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 SPILMAN, JR, ROBERT H
 BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES INC
 P O BOX 626
 245 MAIN STREET
 BASSETT, VA 24055
 USA
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES INC
 BSET
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
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4. Statement for Month/Year
 JANUARY 31, 2000
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 (X) Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other
 (specify below)
 PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
 () Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction		3. Transaction		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month		6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
	Date	Code	V	Amount	A/D	Price	End of Month	End of Month	Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	Indirect (I)		
COMMON STOCK							35,019		D			
							12,171		I		WIFE	
							8,942		I		MARTHA-CHILD	
							8,129		I		VA-CHILD	
							4,821		I		ROB-CHILD	
							13,962		I		TRUST	

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction		4. Transaction		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10. Nature of Direct or Indirect Ownership	
		Date	Code	V	Amount	A/D	Exercise Date	Expiration Date	Direct (D) or Indirect (I)				Indirect (I)	
*OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	28.00							3-02-93	8-31-2002	COMMON	1,785	4,463	D	
								1994	"	"	2,678			
*OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	37.40							1994	1-25-2003	COMMON	667	6,250	D	
								1995	"	"	2,673			
								1996	"	"	2,673			
								1997	"	"	237			
**OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	26.25							1-01-97	5-04-2004	COMMON	2,000	2,000	D	
OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	22.625							**	5-06-2002	COMMON	****	80,000	D	
								*****	"	"	*****			
*****OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	32.25							11-07-00	3-23-08	COMMON	40,000	40,000	D	
*****OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	14.875	1-18-00	A	V	25,556	A		1-18-01	1-17-10	COMMON	76,668	76,668	D	
*****OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	14.875	1-18-00	A	V	25,556	A		1-18-02	1-17-10	COMMON				
*****OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	14.875	1-18-00	A	V	25,556	A		1-18-03	1-17-10	COMMON				

Explanation of Responses:

*GRANTED UNDER THE 1982 STOCK OPTION PLAN WHICH IS A RULE 16b-3 PLAN.
**GRANTED UNDER THE 1993 LONG TERM INCENTIVE PLAN WHICH IS A RULE 16b-3 PLAN.
***AMENDED AND RESTATED ON 11-07-97; AMENDING AGREEMENT DATED 5-06-97.
****40,000 SHARES AT LEAST 6 MONTHS AFTER 5-06-97 AND WHEN THE PRICE OF THE
STOCK EQUALS OR EXCEEDS \$29.00 PER SHARE.
*****40,000 SHARES VESTED WITH SALE RESTRICTION UNTIL 5-06-2002 OR EARLIER,
WHEN THE PRICE OF THE STOCK EQUALS OR EXCEEDS
\$37.00 PER SHARE FOR 10 CONSECUTIVE DAYS.
*****GRANTED UNDER THE 1997 EMPLOYEE STOCK PLAN.
*****GRANTED UNDER THE 1997 EMPLOYEE STOCK PLAN WHICH IS A RULE 16b-3
PLAN

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
ROBERT H SPILMAN JR
DATE
FEBRUARY 10, 2000