

# CNO FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

## FORM 8-K (Current report filing)

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| CIK         | 0001224608                                  |
| Symbol      | CNO   |
| SIC Code    | 6321 - Accident and Health Insurance        |
| Industry    | Insurance (Life)                            |
| Sector      | Financial                                   |
| Fiscal Year | 12/31                                       |

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 16, 2008

**CONSECO, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware<br>-----<br>(State or other<br>jurisdiction of<br>organization)                                | 001-31792<br>-----<br>(Commission<br>File Number) | 75-3108137<br>-----<br>(I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |
| 11825 North Pennsylvania Street<br>Carmel, Indiana<br>-----<br>(Address of principal executive offices) |   | 46032<br>-----<br>(Zip Code)                                   |

(317) 817-6100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On September 16, 2008, Consecro, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release regarding the amount of securities held by the Company related to certain issuers. In addition, the Company announced that it has recognized losses of approximately \$40 million on sales of securities of such issuers during the third quarter of 2008, through September 16, 2008. A copy of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information contained under Item 2.02 in this Current Report on Form 8-K (including Exhibit 99.1) is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in any such filing.

**Item 9.01(d). Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

The following materials are furnished as exhibits to this Current Report on Form 8-K:

99.1 Press release dated September 16, 2008.

**SIGNATURES**

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.

**CONSECO, INC.**

September 16, 2008

By: */s/ John R. Kline*

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*John R. Kline*  
*Senior Vice President and*  
*Chief Accounting Officer*

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Conseco discloses current holdings of Lehman Brothers, AIG and Washington Mutual securities Company has reduced holdings from June 30, 2008

Carmel, Ind., September 16, 2008: Conseco, Inc. (NYSE:CNO) held securities of Lehman Brothers, American International Group and Washington Mutual totaling approximately \$103 million (amortized cost basis) as of September 16, 2008, as summarized below (dollars in millions):

|  | Lehman<br>Brothers | AIG      | Washington<br>Mutual |
|--|--------------------|----------|----------------------|
|  | -----              | ---      | -----                |
| Senior debt of holding company   | \$ 4.6             | \$ 9.9   | \$23.6               |
| Subordinated debt of holding company                                       | 2.9                | -        | -                    |
| GICs issued by subsidiary of holding company                               | -                  | 19.3     | -                    |
| Derivatives issued by a subsidiary of<br>holding company (at market value) | 4.3                | -        | -                    |
| Other debt   | 7.5 (a)            | 20.7 (b) | 10.4 (c)             |
|  | -----              | -----    | -----                |
| TOTAL  | \$19.3             | \$49.9   | \$34.0               |
|  | =====              | =====    | =====                |

(a) Broker/Dealer subsidiary that did not file for protection under Chapter 11

(b) American General Finance Corp. Senior Notes

(c) Washington Mutual Bank Subordinated Notes

Such combined holdings were approximately \$166 million at June 30, 2008. During the third quarter of 2008, through September 16, 2008, the Company has recognized losses of approximately \$40 million on sales of securities of these issuers.

Conseco, Inc.'s insurance companies help protect working American families and seniors from financial adversity: Medicare supplement, long-term care, cancer, heart/stroke and accident policies protect people against major unplanned expenses; annuities and life insurance products help people plan for their financial futures. For more information, visit Conseco's web site at [www.conseco.com](http://www.conseco.com).

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