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UNITED STATES
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): September 17, 2008

SI FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

United States ----- (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	0-50801 ----- (Commission File Number)	84-165232 ----- (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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803 Main Street, Willimantic, Connecticut ----- (Address of principal executive offices)	06226 ----- (Zip Code)
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(860) 423-4581

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

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

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ITEM 2.06 MATERIAL IMPAIRMENTS.

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On September 7, 2008, the U.S. Treasury announced a plan to place the Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae") and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac") under conservatorship under the authority of the Federal Housing Finance Agency. The actions of the U.S. Government adversely impacted the value of the perpetual preferred stock of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

At June 30, 2008, the carrying value of the security holdings in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac preferred stock by SI Financial Group, Inc. (the "Company") totaled \$1.5 million, with unrealized holding losses of \$61,000. The fair market value of these securities has declined significantly from June 30, 2008. As a result, on September 17, 2008, the Company determined it expects to record a non-cash other-than-temporary impairment charge of approximately \$1.5 million (pre-tax) in the quarter ending September 30, 2008 related to its investment in the perpetual preferred securities of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The Company will continue to evaluate its investment portfolio and will make a final determination of the impairment during the preparation of its financial statements for the quarter ending September 30, 2008. At this time, the Company does not expect to record the maximum deferred income tax benefit associated with the other-than-temporary impairment loss. Savings Institute Bank and Trust Company, the wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, anticipates that it will continue to exceed all capital levels necessary to remain "well-capitalized" under regulatory guidelines.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

SI FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

Date: September 18, 2008

By: /s/ Brian Hull

Brian Hull
Executive Vice President, Chief
Financial Officer and Treasurer