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ITEM 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws;

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Change in Fiscal Year  
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Effective April 12, 2005 the registrant amended Article VI Section 6.1 of its bylaws to eliminate the requirement that the office of Vice Chairman be held by a director and the requirement that the offices of President and Secretary be held by separate individuals. The text of the amended bylaw is filed herewith as Exhibit 3(ii).

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

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Index to and Description of Exhibits

| (c) Exhibit | Description   |
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| 3(ii)       | Amended bylaw of The Bank of New York Company, Inc., Article VI, Section 6.1. |

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SIGNATURE  
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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.

Dated: April 15, 2005

THE BANK OF NEW YORK COMPANY, INC.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Bruce W. Van Saun  
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Name: Bruce W. Van Saun  
Title: Senior Executive Vice President

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and Chief Financial Officer