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ANNUAL REPORT OF PROXY VOTING RECORD OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY  
Investment Company Act file number: 811-00248

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THE ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

7 Saint Paul Street, Suite 1140, Baltimore, Maryland 21202  
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(Address of principal executive offices)

Lawrence L. Hooper, Jr.  
The Adams Express Company  
7 Saint Paul Street  
Suite 1140  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202  
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(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 410-752-5900

Date of fiscal year end: December 31, 2004

Date of reporting period: July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004

Item 1. Proxy Voting Record

Description	Proposal Type	Voted	Vote	For/ Agnst Mgmt
Issuer: Abbott Laboratories				
Ticker: ABT				
CUSIP: 002824-10-0				
Meeting Date: 4/23/2004				
Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of appt. of auditors for 2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Shareholder Proposal concerning prescription drugs	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal concerning political contributions	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal concerning stock options to Sr. Executives	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal concerning global infectious diseases	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: Affymetrix, Inc.

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Ticker: AFFX

CUSIP: 00826T-10-8

Meeting Date: 6/10/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Proposal concerning the approval of Amended & Restated 2000 Equity Incentive Plan	MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST
Proposal concerning ratification of the appointment of independent auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.

Ticker: APD

CUSIP: 009158-10-6

Meeting Date: 1/22/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of appointment of independent Auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: Albemarle Corporation

Ticker: ALB

CUSIP: 012653-10-1

Meeting Date: 3/31/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of appt. of auditors for fiscal year ending 12/31/2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: Alltel Corp.

Ticker: AT

CUSIP: 020039-10-3

Meeting Date: 4/22/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of appointment of independent Auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Stockholder proposal related to sexual orientation non-discrimination policy	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: AMBAC Financial Group, Inc.

Ticker: ABK

CUSIP: 023139-10-8

Meeting Date: 5/4/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Amend Certificate of Inc. to increase number of authorized shares of Common Stock	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Approve amends. to the Ambac 1997 Non-MGMT Employee Directors Equity Plan		YES	FOR	FOR
Ratification of independent auditors for 2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: American International Group

Ticker: AIG

CUSIP: 026874-10-7

Meeting Date: 5/19/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Adopt CEO Annual Comp. Plan	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Adopt Director Stock Plan	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Ratification of selection of independent Accountants for 2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Shareholder proposal relating to	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

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political contributions  
 Shareholder proposal relating to SHLDR YES AGNST FOR  
 Executive Officer Compensation  
 Shareholder proposal relating to SHLDR YES AGNST FOR  
 investments in tobacco equities

Issuer: Aqua America, Inc.

Ticker: WTR

CUSIP: 03836W-10-3

Meeting Date: 5/20/2004

Election of Directors MGMT YES FOR ALL FOR  
 Consider & act upon amendment to MGMT YES FOR FOR  
 Articles of Inc. increasing  
 authorized shares  
 Approve 2004 Equity Compensation Plan MGMT YES FOR FOR

Issuer: BankNorth Group, Inc.

Ticker: BNK

CUSIP: 06646R-10-7

Meeting Date: 4/27/2004

Election of Directors MGMT YES FOR ALL FOR  
 Ratification of appt. of independent MGMT YES FOR FOR  
 Auditor

Issuer: Bank of America Corp. - Special Meeting re: Merger Proposal with  
 FleetBoston Financial Corporation

Ticker: BAC

CUSIP: 060505-10-4

Meeting Date: 3/17/2004

Proposal to adopt merger agreement MGMT YES FOR FOR  
 Proposal to adopt amended & restated MGMT YES AGNST AGNST  
 BOA 2003 Key Associate Stock Plan  
 Proposal to increase number of MGMT YES FOR FOR  
 authorized shares

Issuer: Bank of America Corp. -  
 Annual Meeting

Ticker: BAC

CUSIP: 060505-10-4

Meeting Date: 5/26/2004

Election of Directors MGMT YES FOR ALL FOR  
 Ratification of selection of MGMT YES FOR FOR  
 independent Accountants for 2004  
 Stockholder proposal re: annual mtg. SHLDR YES AGNST FOR  
 date  
 Stockholder proposal re: nomination SHLDR YES AGNST FOR  
 of directors  
 Stockholder proposal re: charitable SHLDR YES AGNST FOR  
 contributions  
 Stockholder proposal re: mutual fund SHLDR YES AGNST FOR  
 trading policies  
 Stockholder proposal re: privacy & SHLDR YES AGNST FOR  
 info. security

Issuer: BEA Systems, Inc.

Ticker: BEAS

CUSIP: 073325-10-2

Meeting Date: 6/11/2004

Election of Directors MGMT YES FOR ALL FOR  
 Ratification & Approval of Appt. of MGMT YES FOR FOR  
 Independent Auditors

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Issuer: BellSouth Corp.

Ticker: BLS

CUSIP: 079860-10-2

Meeting Date: 4/26/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of appt. of independent Auditors for 2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Proposal to amend the Companys bylaws to provide for annual election of directors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Proposal regarding Stock & Incentive Compensation Plan	MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST
Shareholder Proposal regarding Executive Compensation	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal regarding CEO Compensation	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal regarding disclosure of political contributions	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc.

Ticker: BJ

CUSIP: 05548J-10-6

Meeting Date: 5/20/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Approval of amd of Company's 1997 Stock Incentive Plan	MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST
Ratification of appt. of independent Auditors for fiscal year ending 1/29/2005	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: Black & Decker Corp.

Ticker: BDK

CUSIP: 091797-10-0

Meeting Date: 4/27/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of selection of independent auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Approve the B&D 2004 Restricted Stock Plan	MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST
Shareholder Proposal regarding current compensation system for Sr. Executives	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: Black Hills Corp.

Ticker: BKH

CUSIP: 092113-10-9

Meeting Date: 5/26/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of appt. of independent auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: BP plc ADR

Ticker: BP

CUSIP: 055622-10-4

Meeting Date: 4/15/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Reappointment of Auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Proposal regarding Amendments of the Articles of Assn. including retirement of directors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Proposals regarding Directors'	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

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authority to allot shares				
Proposal regarding Share buyback	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Proposal regarding use of treasury shares for employee share schemes	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Proposal regarding the Directors' & Non-Directors' Remuneration and Reports	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Shareholder proposal regarding operations in protected areas, e.g., national parks and wildlife refuges	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: Brinker International Inc.

Ticker: EAT

CUSIP: 109641-10-0

Meeting Date: 11/13/2003

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of independent Auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Shareholder Proposal regarding Co's. policy for food products containing genetically engineered ingredients	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.

Ticker: BMY

CUSIP: 110122-10-8

Meeting Date: 5/14/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Appointment of Independent Auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Stockholder Proposal Relating to Publication of Political Contributions	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Stockholder Proposal Relating to Prohibition of Political Contributions	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Stockholder Proposal Relating to Separation of Chairman & CEO Positions	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Stockholder Proposal Relating to HIV/AIDS-TB-Malaria	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: CINErgy Corp.

Ticker: CIN

CUSIP: 172474-10-8

Meeting Date: 5/4/2004

Stockholder Proposal Relating to Director Vote Threshold	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of selection of independent auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: Cisco Systems Inc.

Ticker: CSCO

CUSIP: 17275R-10-2

Meeting Date: 11/11/2003

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Approve amd & restatement of Employee Stock Purchase Plan, including increase of shares	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Ratification of appt. of Independent Auditors for fiscal year ending July 31, 2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Shareholder Proposal regarding prep. of a report to stockholders on	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

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certain Cisco hardware & software products

Shareholder Proposal regarding executive compensation	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
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Issuer: Coca-Cola Co.

Ticker: KO

CUSIP: 191216-10-0

Meeting Date: 4/21/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of appt. of independent auditors for fiscal year 2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Stockholder Proposal Regarding economic impact study of Global HIV/AIDS Pandemic	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	AGNST
Stockholder Proposal Regarding Stock Option Glass Ceiling Report	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Stockholder Proposal Regarding Compensation	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Stockholder Proposal Regarding Restricted Stock	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Stockholder Proposal Regarding Sr. Executive Participation in Co's. Compensation & Deferral Investment Program	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Stockholder Proposal on The China Business Principles	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Stockholder Proposal Regarding Separation Positions of CEO & Chairman	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: Compass Bancshares Inc.

Ticker: CBSS

CUSIP: 20449H-10-9

Meeting Date: 4/19/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Act on proposal to approve a monthly investment plan for Compass Employees	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Ratification of selection of independent auditor for 2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: ConocoPhillips

Ticker: COP

CUSIP: 20825C-10-4

Meeting Date: 5/5/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of appt. of independent auditors for 2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Approve 2004 Omnibus Stock & Performance Incentive Plan	MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST
Shareholder Proposal regarding Limitation on Executive Compensation	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal regarding Commonsense Executive Compensation Proposal	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal regarding Drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: Corning

Ticker: GLW

CUSIP: 219350-10-5

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Meeting Date: 4/29/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of appt. of independent auditors for fiscal year ending 12/31/2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Shareholder Proposal regarding future severance agreements	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: Dean Foods Co.

Ticker: DF

CUSIP: 242370-10-4

Meeting Date: 5/18/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of selection of independent auditor for 2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: DiamondCluster International Inc.

Ticker: DTPI

CUSIP: 25278P-10-6

Meeting Date: 9/23/2003

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Approve plan of recapitalization to convert all Class A & Class B Common Stock into a new class of capital stock called Common Stock and adopt related amends to our Restated Certificate of Inc.	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Approve amds to the Emp. Stock Purchase Plan	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Ratify the recom. of the Audit Committee to appoint independent auditors for fiscal yr. 2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: R.R. Donnelley & Sons Co.

Ticker: RRD

CUSIP: 257867-10-1

Meeting Date: 4/14/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Stockholder Proposal requesting the arrangement of the sale of company to the highest bidder	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Stockholder Proposal requesting that the BOD establish a policy of expensing the cost of future stock options	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: R.R. Donnelley & Sons Co. - Special Meeting

Ticker: RRD

CUSIP: 257867-10-1

Meeting Date: 2/23/2004

Proposal to approve issuance of shares of R.R. Donnelley common stock as contemplated by the Combination Agreement between R.R. Donnelley & Moore Wallace Inc.	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Consider adoption of new performance incentive plan	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: Duke Energy Corp.

Ticker: DUK

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CUSIP: 264399-10-6

Meeting Date: 5/13/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of independent auditors for 2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Shareholder proposal to eliminate staggered election of directors	SHLDR	YES	FOR	AGNST

Issuer: Enzon Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Ticker: ENZN

CUSIP: 293904-10-8

Meeting Date: 12/2/2003

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Approve Amends. To Co's. 2001 Incentive Stock Plan	MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST
Ratification of selection of independent accountants for fiscal year ending June 30, 2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: Exxon Mobil Corp.

Ticker: XOM

CUSIP: 30231G-10-2

Meeting Date: 5/26/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of independent auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Approve 2004 Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Plan	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Shareholder Proposal regarding Political Contributions	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal regarding Political Contributions Report	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal regarding media response on Equatorial Guinea	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal regarding Board Chairman & CEO	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal regarding Executive Compensation	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal regarding Equity Compensation Report	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal regarding Amendment of EEO Policy	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal regarding Climate Science Report	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: Fifth Third Bancorp

Ticker: FITB

CUSIP: 316773-10-0

Meeting Date: 3/23/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Proposal to adopt Incentive Comp. Plan.	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Ratification of selection of independent auditor for 2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Shareholder Proposal regarding request to amend EEO Policy to prohibit discrimination	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: Gannett Co., Inc.

Ticker: GCI

CUSIP: 364730-10-1

Meeting Date: 5/4/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
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Ratification of appt. of independent auditors for 2004 fiscal year.	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Consider and act upon proposal to amd. Co.'s Incentive Compensation Plan & increase number of shares issued under Plan	MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST
Shareholder Proposal requesting replacement of the current compensation system for Sr. Executives	SHLDR	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: General Electric Co.

Ticker: GE

CUSIP: 369604-10-3

Meeting Date: 4/28/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of Selection of Independent Auditor	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Proposal to add a Revenue Measurement to Exec. Offcr. Performance Goals for Long-Term Performance Awards	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Shareholder Proposal Regarding Cumulative Voting	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal Regarding Animal Testing	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal Regarding Nuclear Risk	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal Regarding Report on PCB Cleanup Costs	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal Regarding Offshore Sourcing	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal Regarding Sustainability Index	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal Regarding Compensation Committee Independence	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal regarding Pay Disparity	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal regarding End Stock Options & Bonuses	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal regarding Limiting Outside Directorships	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal regarding Independent Board Chairman	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal regarding Exploration of Sale of Company	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal regarding Holding Stock from Stock Options	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal regarding Board Independence	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal regarding Political Contributions	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: Genentech, Inc.

Ticker: DNA

CUSIP: 368710-40-6

Meeting Date: 4/16/2004

Approve amendment to by-laws with respect to number of auth. Directors.	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Approve amd. To Co's. Amended & Restated Certificate of Inc. to increase auth. Shares of Common Stock	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

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Approve 2004 Equity Incentive Plan	MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST
Ratify appt. of independent auditors for 2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: HCA Inc.

Ticker: HCA

CUSIP: 404119-10-9

Meeting Date: 5/27/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of appt. of independent auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Consider & approve Amended & Restated Mgmt. Stock Purchase Plan	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: Hershey Foods Corp.

Ticker: HSY

CUSIP: 427866-10-8

Meeting Date: 4/28/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of appt. of independent auditors for 2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: Illinois Tool Works Inc.

Ticker: ITW

CUSIP: 452308-10-9

Meeting Date: 5/7/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR (1 Vote WITHHELD for election of deceased director)	FOR
Ratification of appt. of independent accounts	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: Ingersoll-Rand Co. Ltd.

Ticker: IR

CUSIP: G4776G-10-1

Meeting Date: 6/2/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Adoption of Amended & Restated Incentive Stock Plan of 1998	MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST
Adoption of Amended & Restated By-laws	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Approval of appt. of independent auditors for 2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Shareholder Proposal to eliminate staggered board	SHLDR	YES	FOR	AGNST
Shareholder Proposal to change Co's. jurisdiction of Inc. from Bermuda to U.S.	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal to require separation of the positions - CEO & Chairman	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: Intel Corp.

Ticker: INTC

CUSIP: 458140-10-0

Meeting Date: 5/19/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
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Ratification of appt. of independent auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Approve 2004 Equity Incentive Plan	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Shareholder Proposal requesting expensing of stock options	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal requesting use of performance-vesting stock	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal requesting use of performance-based stock options	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: Investors Financial Services Corp.

Ticker: IFIN

CUSIP: 461915-10-0

Meeting Date: 4/13/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Approve amd. to company Certificate of Inc. to inc. no. of auth. Shares of co. common stock	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Approve amd. To Co.'s 1997 Employee Stock Purchase Plan to include number of shares avail. for issuance	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Ratification of selection of independent auditors for fiscal year ending 12/31/2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: Johnson & Johnson

Ticker: JNJ

CUSIP: 478160-10-4

Meeting Date: 4/22/2004

Election of Directors	SHLDR	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of appt. of independent auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Shareholder Proposal on charitable contributions	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: Keyspan Corp.

Ticker: KSE

CUSIP: 49337W-10-0

Meeting Date: 5/20/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of independent public accountants for 2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Shareholder Proposal to redeem poison pill plan	SHLDR	YES	FOR	AGNST

Issuer: Laboratory Corp. of America Holdings

Ticker: LH

CUSIP: 50540R-40-9

Meeting Date: 5/12/2004

Election of Board of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Approval of Amds. To Stock Purchase Plan	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Ratification of appt. of independent accountants for the year ending 12/31/2004.	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: Lucent Technologies Inc.

Ticker: LU

CUSIP: 549463-10-7

Meeting Date: 2/18/2004

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Election of Board of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Approve amd. to the Restated Cert. of Inc. to declassify the BOD & to allow for removal of directors w/o cause	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Approve 2004 Equity Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Amd. the Restated Cert. of Inc. auth. the BOD to effect a reverse stock split at one to four ratio.	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Shareowner Proposal to require shareowner approval of future golden parachutes	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareowner Proposal regarding Exec. Compensation Programs	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: Mattel, Inc.

Ticker: MAT

CUSIP: 577081-10-2

Meeting Date: 5/13/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of selection of Independent Auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Stockholder Proposal Regarding Mgmt. Compensation	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Stockholder Proposal Regarding Services Performed by Independent Auditors	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: MDU Resources Group, Inc.

Ticker: MDU

CUSIP: 552690-10-9

Meeting Date: 4/27/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Approval of Amds. To Non-Employee Director Stock Compensation Plan	MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST

Issuer: Medimmune, Inc.

Ticker: MEDI

CUSIP: 584699-10-2

Meeting Date: 5/20/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Approval of 2004 Stock Incentive Plan	MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST
Ratification of appt. of Independent Auditors.	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: Microsoft Corp.

Ticker: MSFT

CUSIP: 594918-10-4

Meeting Date: 11/11/2003

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Consider & vote on proposed amds. To 2001 Stock Plan	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Proposal providing stock options for Non-Employee Directors	MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST
Shareholder Proposal limiting charitable contributions	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: 3M Co.

Ticker: MMM

CUSIP: 88579Y-10-1

Meeting Date: 5/11/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
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Ratification of selection of Independent Auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Proposal to Approve Amd. to the Certificate of Inc. to increase the Authorized Common Stock	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Stockholder Proposal to split CEO/Chairman roles	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: Newell Rubbermaid Inc.

Ticker: NWL

CUSIP: 651229-10-6

Meeting Date: 5/12/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of selection of Independent Accountants	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: Nokia Corp. ADR

Ticker: NOK

CUSIP: 654902-20-4

Meeting Date: 3/25/2004

Matters specified in Article 12 of the Articles of Association	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Proposal by the BOD to reduce share capital	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Proposal by the BOD to auth. the BOD to increase the share capital	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Proposal by the BOD to auth. the BOD to repurchase Nokia shares	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Proposal by the BOD to auth. the BOD to dispose Nokia shares held by Co.	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Proposal by the BOD to inc. the capital of The Foundation of Nokia Corp. by EUR 5 000 000 to be used for the purpose of the Foundation to support the telecom tech. and to promote education in the sector.	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Dividend	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Composition of the BOD	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Election of the Auditor	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: NorthWestern Corp.

Ticker: NTHWQ

CUSIP: 668074-10-7

Meeting Date: 8/26/2003

Approve amds. and a restatement of Co's. Restated Certificate of Incorporation including increase in outstanding shares	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of selection of Independent Auditors for year ending 12/31/2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: Oracle Corp.

Ticker: ORCL

CUSIP: 68389X-10-5

Meeting Date: 10/13/2003

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Approve adoption of Fiscal Year 2004 Executive Bonus Plan	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Ratification of appt. of independent auditors for Fiscal Year 2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

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Proposal providing stock options for Non-Employee Directors	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	AGNST
Consider the adoption of the China Business Principles for Rights of Workers in China	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: PepsiCo, Inc.

Ticker: PEP

CUSIP: 713448-10-8

Meeting Date: 5/5/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of appt. of independent auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Approve 2004 Executive Incentive Comp. Plan	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
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Shareholder proposal requesting co. to publish its political contributions in major newspapers	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
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Shareholder proposal requesting company to review economic impacts of HIV/AIDS, TB & Malaria on its business & prepare a report	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
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Issuer: Petroleum & Resources Corp.

Ticker: PEO

CUSIP: 716549-10-0

Meeting Date: 3/30/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of independent auditors for the year ending 12/31/2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: Pfizer Inc.

Ticker: PFE

CUSIP: 717081-10-3

Meeting Date: 4/22/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Approve Appt. of independent auditor for 2004 fiscal year	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Approve 2004 Stock Plan	MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST
Shareholder Proposal Requesting Review of Economic Effects of HIV/AIDS, TB & Malaria Pandemics on Co's. Bus. Strategy	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Shareholder Proposal Requesting Review of Economic Effects of HIV/AIDS, TB & Malaria Pandemics on Co's. Bus. Strategy	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
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Shareholder Proposal Relating to Political Contributions	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
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Shareholder Proposal Relating to Annual Rpt. On Corp. Resources devoted to Supporting Political Entities or Candidates	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
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Shareholder Proposal Seeking to Impose Term Limits on Directors	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
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Shareholder Proposal Requesting a Report on Increasing Access to Pfizer Products	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
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Shareholder Proposal on Stock Options	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
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Shareholder Proposal on In Vitro Testing	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
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Shareholder Proposal on In Vitro Testing	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
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Issuer: Proctor & Gamble Co.

Ticker: PG

CUSIP: 742718-10-9

Meeting Date: 10/14/2003

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Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of the appt. of independent auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Proposal to adopt 2003 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Plan	MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST
Shareholder Proposal to eliminate Staggered Board	SHLDR	YES	FOR	AGNST
Shareholder Proposal to require co. to identify genetically engineered ingredients in labels of food products	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: Provident Bankshares Corp.

Ticker: PBKS

CUSIP: 743859-10-0

Meeting Date: 4/21/2004

Approve & adopt the Agreement & Plan of Reorg. Between Provident Bankshares Corp. & Southern Financial Bancorp.	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
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Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Approval of 2004 Equity Comp. Plan	MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST
Ratify appt. of independent auditors for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: Rohm & Haas Co.

Ticker: ROH

CUSIP: 775371-10-7

Meeting Date: 5/3/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Approval of proposal to adopt 2004 Company Annual Incentive Plan	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Approval of proposal to adopt 2004 Long-Term Performance Share Plan	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Approval of 2004 Amended & Restated Company Stock Plan	MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST
Ratification of independent auditor for 2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: Safeway, Inc.

Ticker: SWY

CUSIP: 786514-20-8

Meeting Date: 5/20/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of the appointment of independent auditors for fiscal year 2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Approve amd. to the Restated Cert. of Inc. to eliminate the classification of BOD	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Approve stock option exchange program for employees providing for the exchange of options previously granted under the 1999 Amended & Restated Equity Participation Plan.	MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST
Shareholder proposal regarding independent Director as Chairman	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Stockholder proposal regarding cumulative voting	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Stockholder proposal regarding report on impact of genetically engineered food	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

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Stockholder proposal regarding sustainability report	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Stockholder proposal regarding political contribution & participation report	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Stockholder proposal regarding expensing the costs of stock options	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: Sapient Corp.

Ticker: SAPE

CUSIP: 803062-10-9

Meeting Date: 5/25/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Approve amd. & restatement to the Co's. Amended & Restated Cert. of Inc. & an amd and restatement to the Company's Amended & Restated Bylaws to remove the three-tier classified structure of the BOD	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Ratification of the selection of independent auditors for the Company for 2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: SBC Communications Inc.

Ticker: SBC

CUSIP: 78387G-10-3

Meeting Date: 4/30/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of Appointment of Independent Auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Amd. to the By-laws to Eliminate the Classified Board Structure	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Shareholder Proposal requesting an annual rpt. disclosing policies on political contributions made with corp. funds	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal requesting the reduction of BOD seats from 21 to 14.	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: Schlumberger Ltd.

Ticker: SLB

CUSIP: 806857-10-8

Meeting Date: 4/14/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Report on course of bus. during the year 2003; Adopt & approve Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 12/31/2003, its Consolidated Statement of Income for the year 2003 & declaration of dividends by BOD as reflected in the Co's. 2003 Annual Report	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Approve adoption of 2004 Stock & Deferral Plan for Non-Employee Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Approve appt. of independent auditors to audit accounts of Co. for 2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: Siebel Systems Inc.

Ticker: SEBL

CUSIP: 826170-10-2

Meeting Date: 6/23/2004



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Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of selection of independent auditors for year ending 12/31/2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Stockholder Proposal regarding expensing of stock options	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: Smurfit-Stone Container Corp.

Ticker: SSCC

CUSIP: 832727-10-1

Meeting Date: 5/12/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of appt. of independent auditors for 2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Approval of 2004 Long Term Incentive Plan	MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST
Approval of Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Stockholder Proposal to consider discontinuing all rights, options, SAR's & possible severance payments to top five management	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: Solectron Corp.

Ticker: SLR

CUSIP: 834182-10-7

Meeting Date: 1/7/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Approve amd. to Co's. 2002 Stock Option Plan to permit an option exchange program.	MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST
Ratification of the appt. of independent auditors for fiscal year ending 8/31/2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: Sun Microsystems Inc.

Ticker: SUNW

CUSIP: 866810-10-4

Meeting Date: 10/23/2003

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Approve amds. to 1990 Employee Stock Purchase Plan	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Ratify appt. of independent auditors for fiscal year ending 6/30/2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Stockholder Proposal regarding China Business Principles for Rights of Workers in China	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: Symantec Corp.

Ticker: SYMC

CUSIP: 871503-10-8

Meeting Date: 8/21/2003

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Approve amended & restated Certificate of Incorporation to increase number of authorized shares of common stock	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Approve amd. to 1996 Equity Incentive Plan to allow for grants of restricted stock	MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST
Approve adoption of Sr. Exec. Incentive Plan	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

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Ratification of selection of independent auditors for 2004 fiscal year	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
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Issuer: Target Corp.

Ticker: TGT

CUSIP: 87612E-10-6

Meeting Date: 5/19/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Approve appt. of independent auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Approve Long-Term Incentive Plan	MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST

Issuer: TECO Energy, Inc.

Ticker: TE

CUSIP: 872375-10-0

Meeting Date: 4/28/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Approval of 2004 Equity Incentive Plan	MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST
Shareholder Proposal requesting BOD to use performance & time-based restricted share programs in lieu of stock options when developing future sr. exec. equity comp. plans	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal requesting that the BOD establish a policy of expensing in the Co's annual income statement the costs of all future stock options issued by Co.	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Ratification of the selection of independent auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: United Technologies Corp.

Ticker: UTX

CUSIP: 913017-10-9

Meeting Date: 4/14/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Appointment of Independent Auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Shareholder Proposal concerning disclosure of Executive Compensation	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal concerning ethical criteria for military contracts	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal concerning future senior executive stock option grants to be performance based	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Shareholder Proposal concerning an independent chairman of the board	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: United Parcel Service

Ticker: UPS

CUSIP: 911312-10-6

Meeting Date: 5/6/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of Independent Auditors for year ending 12/31/2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: Wachovia Corp.

Ticker: WB

CUSIP: 929903-10-2

Meeting Date: 4/20/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
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Ratification of appt. of independent auditors for the year 2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Stockholder Proposal regarding nominating directors	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Stockholder Proposal regarding reporting political information	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Stockholder Proposal regarding separating the Offices Of Chairman & CEO	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: Wells Fargo & Co.

Ticker: WFC

CUSIP: 949746-10-1

Meeting Date: 4/27/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Proposal to approve Co's. Supplemental 401(k) Plan	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Proposal to ratify appt. of independent auditors for 2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Stockholder Proposal regarding expensing stock options	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Stockholder Proposal regarding restricted stock	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Stockholder Proposal regarding executive compensation & predatory lending	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Stockholder proposal regarding political contributions	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: Wilmington Trust Corp.

Ticker: WL

CUSIP: 971807-10-2

Meeting Date: 4/15/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Approval of 2004 Employee Stock Purchase Plan	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
2004 Executive Incentive Plan	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Issuer: Wyeth Co.

Ticker: WYE

CUSIP: 983024-10-0

Meeting Date: 4/22/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Ratification of independent public accountants for 2004	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
Stockholder Proposal regarding Access to & Affordability of Prescription Drugs	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR
Stockholder Proposal regarding Animal Testing	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

Issuer: Zimmer Holdings Inc.

Ticker: ZMH

CUSIP: 98956P-10-2

Meeting Date: 5/10/2004

Election of Directors	MGMT	YES	FOR ALL	FOR
Stockholder Proposal to redeem poison pill plan	SHLDR	YES	FOR	AGNST
Stockholder Proposal Relating to Auditor Ratification	SHLDR	YES	AGNST	FOR

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SIGNATURES:

Pursuant to the requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY

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(Registrant)

BY: /s/ Douglas G. Ober

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Douglas G. Ober  
Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: August 27, 2004