

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934

H & R Block, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)

Amendment #1

Common Stock
(Title of Class of Securities)

093671-10-5
(CUSIP Number)

Check the following space if a fee is being paid with this statement

The information required in the remainder of this cover page (except any items to which the form provides a cross-reference) shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act.

CUSIP NO. 093671-10-5

1) Name of Reporting Person American Express Company
S.S. or I.R.S. Identification IRS No. 13-4922250
No. of Above Person

2) Check the Appropriate Box
if a Member of a Group (a)
(b) X - Joint Filing

3) SEC Use Only

4) Citizenship or Place of Organization New York

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

WITH

(5) Sole Voting Power	-0-
(6) Shared Voting Power	824,000
(7) Sole Dispositive Power	-0-
(8) Shared Dispositive Power	2,289,694
9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person	2,289,694
10) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares	Not Applicable
11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount In Row (9)	2.2%
12) Type of Reporting Person	CO, HC
1(a) Name of Issuer:	H & R Block, Inc.
1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:	4410 Main Street Kansas City, MO 64111
2(a) Name of Person Filing:	American Express Company
2(b) Address of Principal Business Office:	American Express Company American Express Tower World Financial Center New York, NY 10285
2(c) Citizenship:	See Item 4 of Cover Page
2(d) Title of Class of Securities:	Common Stock
2(e) Cusip Number:	486587-10-8
3 Information if statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b):	
	American Express Company, one of the persons filing this statement, is a Parent Holding Company in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b) (ii) (G).
4 (a) Amount Beneficially Owned as of December 31, 1993:	See Item 9 of cover pages.
(b) Percent of Class:	See Item 11 of Cover Pages
(c) Number of Shares as to which such person has:	
(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:	See Item 5 of Cover Pages
(ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote:	See Item 6 of Cover Pages
(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:	See Item 7 of Cover Pages
(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:	See Item 8 of Cover Pages
5 Ownership of 5% or Less of a Class:	
	If this statement is being filed to report the fact as of the date hereof the reporting person

has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following (X).

6 Ownership of more than 5% on Behalf of Another Person:

Not Applicable

7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company:

See Exhibit I

8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

Not Applicable

9 Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not Applicable

10 Certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: December 31, 1993

American Express Company

By: /s/ Stephen P. Norman
From: Stephan P. Norman
Title: Secretary

Exhibit Index

Exhibit I Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.

Exhibit II Statement of American Express Company

Exhibit I

to

Schedule 13G

One of the persons filing this statement is a parent holding company. The relevant subsidiaries are IDS Financial Corporation, a Delaware Corporation, and a registered investment advisor and Lehman Borthers, Inc., a Delaware corporation and registered broker-dealer.

Exhibit II

to

Schedule 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

American Express Company, American Express Tower, World Financial Center, New York, New York disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities referred to in the Schedule 13G to which this exhibit is attached, and the filing of this Schedule 13G shall not be construed as an admission that American Express Company is, for the purpose of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the beneficial owner of any securities covered by this Schedule 13G.

Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(f)(1) and subject to the preceding disclaimer, American Express Company affirms it is individually eligible to use Schedule 13G and agrees that this Schedule is filed on its behalf, and authorizes the President, any Vice President, the Comptroller, the Secretary, and the General Counsel of any Associate General Counsel, each with power to act singly, of each subsidiary of American Express Company making this filing to sign this statement on behalf of American Express Company.

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY

By: /s/ Stephan P. Norman
Name: Stephan P. Norman
Title: Secretary