THOMAS & BETTS CORP
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GAMCO INVESTORS, INC. ET AL

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE CORPORATE CENTER,

(Street)

RYE, NY 10580

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
THOMAS & BETTS CORP [TNB]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/17/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director __X__ 10% Owner
_____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
_X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		500	D	$ 43.208	2,500	I	By: Investment Partnership (1)
Common Stock								5,000	I	By: Investment Partnership (1)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(*e.g.*, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GAMCO INVESTORS, INC. ET AL ONE CORPORATE CENTER RYE, NY 10580		X		
GABELLI MARIO J C/O GAMCO INVESTORS, INC. ONE CORPORATE CENTER RYE, NY 10580		X		
GGCP, INC. 140 GREENWICH AVENUE GREENWICH, CT 06830		X		

Signatures

/s/ James E. McKee Attorney-in-Fact for MARIO J. GABELLI and GGCP, INC. and Secretary for GAMCO INVESTORS, INC. — 01/19/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person — Date

Explanation of Responses:

***** If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

****** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) The Reporting Persons have less than a 100% interest in this entity. The amount of securities reported as beneficially owned reflects the total amount of securities held by this entity which is greater than the Reporting Persons indirect pecuniary interests. The Reporting Persons hereby disclaim ownership of these securities in excess of their pecuniary interests.

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