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<div style="text-align: justify;"><span class="Apple-style-span" style="font-family: Georgia, 'Times New Roman', serif;">AMR, the parent corporation of American Airlines filed for a bankruptcy reorganization Tuesday.  The Wall Street Journal reported today that the <a href="http://www.uscourts.gov/FederalCourts/Bankruptcy/BankruptcyBasics/Chapter11.aspx">Chapter 11</a> bankruptcy filing was an abrupt course change by the airline and was intended to help it cut costs and emerge as a more competitive carrier.</span></div>
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<div style="text-align: justify;"><span style="font-family: Georgia, 'Times New Roman', serif;">AMR's filing makes it one of the last of the major U.S. airlines to seek bankruptcy protection.  Despite waiting so long to file, AMR has suffered losses of more than $10 billion since 2001 and has struggled to bring its costs in line with its rivals who had already restructured under bankruptcy court protection.</span></div>
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<span style="color: black; font-family: Georgia, 'Times New Roman', serif;">The New York Times stated today that AMR claimed it had filed bankruptcy to reduce labor costs and shed a heavy debt burden, but that the company intends to operate normally throughout the bankruptcy process and does not expect that it will affect American’s flight schedule or frequent flier programs.</span></div>
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<div style="text-align: justify;"><span style="font-family: Georgia, 'Times New Roman', serif;">Thomas W. Horton, newly named as the company’s chairman and chief executive, said in a statement Tuesday that “Our board decided that it was necessary to take this step now to restore the company’s profitability, operating flexibility and financial strength.”</span></div>
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