

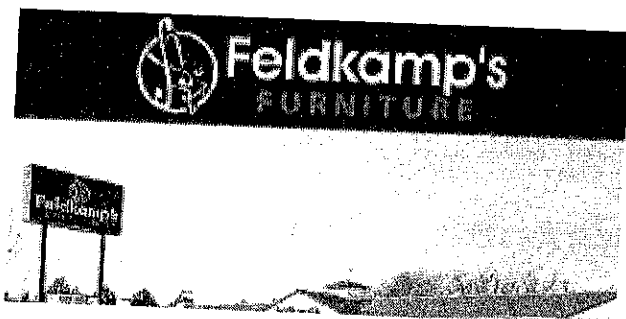
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## Senator Ben dies at 88

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Sen. Ben Vidricksen stands near a sign in 2003 along Interstate Highway 135 south of Interstate Highway 70. The sign honors his efforts as a Kansas senator who lobbied for the expansion of U.S. Highway 81 to four lanes.



Whether they knew him as “Sen. Ben” or “Mr. Highway,” friends and former state government colleagues Tuesday were recalling a Salina man who played a key role