

Mr. Johnson dies in first Senate term

WILLMAR, Minn. (AP) —
First-term state Sen. Robert
G. Johnson, 44, died at his



Mr. Johnson

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A practicing
lawyer in Will-
mar, Mr. John-
son was elect-
ed to the Sen-
ate as a Con-
servative in

1966. He represented the 23rd
District, which included Kan-
diyohi and Swift Counties.

Mr. Johnson was ill during
part of the 1967 Legislature
and was hospitalized before
the current session. He has
not attended any of the meet-
ings this session.

Mr. Johnson, a 1949 gradu-
ate of the University of
Minnesota Law School, had
lived and practiced law in
Willmar since 1959. He served
on the local school board be-
fore entering the Senate.

During World War II, Mr.
Johnson was a Navy pilot.
At the time of his death he
was a member of St. Luke's
Episcopal Church and the
American Legion.

Mr. Johnson is survived by
his widow, Dorothy; four
sons and two daughters; his
mother, Mrs. Gladys John-
son, Hector, Minn.; a brother,
Russell Johnson, Hutchinson,
Minn., and a sister, Mrs. Lor-
raine Johansen, Blue Mounds,
Wis.

Funeral arrangements are
being handled by the Peterson
Funeral Home of Willmar.

Under state law, Gov. Har-
old LeVander may call a spe-
cial election within five days.
If a special election is held, a
likely date would be April 29.