

Republican State Senator Dan Kapanke says he's finished paying the thousands in legal bills incurred by lawyers for the Democratic Party which took him to task for not being able to locate e-mails fast enough. The Democratic Party had submitted an open records request related to economic forums Kapanke had held. Democrats claimed the forums were campaign events using Kapanke's office budget. Turns out they weren't. But, because one of Kapanke's staffers was slow to come up with some e-mails and she had used a personal e-mail account, a fine of \$100 was levied by the state. Meanwhile, the court battle waged by democrats racked up \$38,000 in legal bills. It would have been paid by the state, but Kapanke volunteered to pay bills himself.