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71-year-old runner tries to set second record

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BREWER, Maine — On Saturday afternoon, Barrington Ivers will nervously paw the dirt of a running track. One hundred meters away, a handful of judges will nervously paw the starting buttons on their stop watches.

The three-time Brewer mayor will try to break his second world sprinting record in three weeks. But Ivers is no ordinary world-class runner — he is 71.

He must break 13.5 seconds to take the world record, or 13.9

seconds for the American record. Three weeks ago he set the 100-yard dash world record for 70-year-olds at 13.4 seconds. All-around world records for the distance are only several seconds faster.

In 1936, he won the 100- and 220-yard dashes and the broad jump events at a Maine state championship meet, but he didn't run another race for 40 years.

Then, in 1976, Ivers saw a television program on elderly people who still ran competitively.

"I figured I could run those times, if I practiced," he said.

At the time, Ivers was living in Canada. At first, he just walked 2½ miles a day. A month later he began to jog. In two months he was running. And in a little more than a year he had shattered the Canadian records for the 100- and 220-yard dashes in his age group.

Ivers, who suffered a heart attack in 1963, swears by running.

"I probably wouldn't have had that first heart attack, if I had started running earlier," he said.

Senator opposes budget Constitutional amendment

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WASHINGTON — Saying the Constitution should not be used as a "fig leaf," Sen. Charles Mathias, R-Md., introduced a measure to mandate a balanced budget through a simple law instead of a constitutional amendment.

The proposal, co-sponsored by Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., represents the first bipartisan opposition to the proposed constitutional amendment to require a balanced budget.

Noting Congress just approved a budget with a deficit of more than \$100 billion, Mathias said: "I don't think we should use the Constitution as a fig leaf to hide our embarrassment over that deficit."

Mathias, in introducing his proposal, said: "The Constitution is too important a document to be used to get us over a transitory political dilemma."

"I think we ought to level with the American people. The only

thing that is going to get us out of the box we're in is courageous leadership and mature, responsible judgment.

Sen. Harry Byrd, I-Va., however, noted he sponsored a balanced-budget statute that was enacted by Congress in 1979 and subsequently ignored.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chief Senate sponsor of the constitutional amendment, urged his colleagues to "vote against any and all amendments," contending they would only damage its chances of passage.

Although the amendment is expected to have a better chance of passage in the Senate than in the Democratic-dominated House, House Speaker Thomas O'Neill, D-Mass., predicted Tuesday it will pass both chambers this year.

"My honest opinion is, yeah, it'll pass," O'Neill said. "It's an easy out in an election year. A cowardly way out, but an easy way out."

A Republican co-sponsor, Senate Budget Committee chairman Pete Domenici of New Mexico, told his colleagues he believes the measure has several potentially serious problems, and he will introduce a series of perfecting changes to make it workable.

The Domenici changes would

make it clear the amendment would not give the president new impoundment powers.

To become part of the Constitution, the proposed amendment must be approved by two-thirds of the Senate and the House, and ratified by three-fourths of the states, 38, within seven years.

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