

Solving Problems

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The last man to step onto the moon and second to last to step off of it was Harrison Schmidt.

He is unusual among the Apollo astronauts, because he is a Caltech educated scientist rather than having a background in military aviation.

He was elected for one term to the U.S. Senate in 1976.

Harrison Schmidt told me that as a scientist in the U.S. Senate he tried to approach each problem with a practical solution. He was frustrated that the rest of the Senate worried more about the politics.

The other Senators were happy to work on problems, but hesitant to actually solve them. It's easy to tell voters you are "fighting for them" – that gets you re-elected. Solving a problem makes enemies.

Reality and politics frequently clash.

The situation with the public schools is especially frustrating to me.

I proposed this week that we should hire homeschool mothers to teach reading in the public schools. They have a track record of success.

It's a simple solution that would work. I really don't see how anyone can logically oppose it.

We aren't going to fix the schools by continuing to give more money to the unions and bureaucrats that messed them up – even if they promise to finally get it right this time.

Let's get together and actually teach public school children to read!!