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What does it mean if this sounds okay (AP)

Some Members of House Have Fallback Jobs

Financial disclosure forms released Wednesday described the deep-pocketed, the politicians existing on salary alone and the well-traveled.

The deep-pocketed (...), the politicians existing on salary alone and the well-traveled (...). The coordination evidently doesn't have to cover all components.

That is, an adjective for the second component ``the hand-to-mouthed'' is not necessary. So each component must be a noun on its own, without a common ellipsis being implied.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/06/15/AR2005061502118.html>

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