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Subject: Re: [PATCH 15/16] net: Implement network device movement between namespaces

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>  
> This patch introduces NETIF\_F\_NETNS\_LOCAL a flag to indicate  
> a network device is local to a single network namespace and  
> should never be moved. Useful for pseudo devices that we  
> need an instance in each network namespace (like the loopback  
> device) and for any device we find that cannot handle multiple  
> network namespaces so we may trap them in the initial network  
> namespace.  
>  
> This patch introduces the function dev\_change\_net\_namespace  
> a function used to move a network device from one network  
> namespace to another. To the network device nothing  
> special appears to happen, to the components of the network  
> stack it appears as if the network device was unregistered  
> in the network namespace it is in, and a new device  
> was registered in the network namespace the device  
> was moved to.  
>  
> This patch sets up a namespace device destructor that  
> upon the exit of a network namespace moves all of the  
> movable network devices to the initial network namespace  
> so they are not lost.  
>  
> Signed-off-by: Eric W. Biederman <ebiederm@xmission.com>

Applied to net-2.6.24

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