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Subject: Re: [patch 3/3][NETNS45][V2] remove timewait sockets at cleanup  
Posted by [den](#) on Thu, 27 Sep 2007 13:21:57 GMT  
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Daniel Lezcano wrote:

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> From: Daniel Lezcano <dlezcano@fr.ibm.com>
>
> Denis Lunev spotted that if we take a reference to the network namespace
> with the timewait sockets, we will need to wait for their expiration to
> have the network namespace freed. This is a waste of time, the timewait
> sockets are for avoiding to receive a duplicate packet from the network,
> if the network namespace is freed, the network stack is removed, so no
> chance to receive any packets from the outside world.
>
> This patchset remove/destroy the timewait sockets when the
> network namespace is freed.
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> Signed-off-by: Daniel Lezcano <dlezcano@fr.ibm.com>
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> net/ipv4/tcp.c | 53 +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
> 1 file changed, 53 insertions(+)
```

[...]

This place seems non-trivial and broken for me :( May be I am wrong.

```
> + write_lock_bh(&head->lock);
> +
> + sk_for_each_safe(sk, node, tmp, &head->twchain) {
> +
> +     tw = inet_twsk(sk);
> +     if (tw->tw_net != net)
> +         continue;
> +
> +     /* deschedule the timewait socket */
> +     spin_lock(&tcp_death_row.death_lock);
> +     if (inet_twsk_del_dead_node(tw)) {
> +         inet_twsk_put(tw);
> +         if (--tcp_death_row.tw_count == 0)
> +             del_timer(&tcp_death_row.tw_timer);
```

There is a call `inet_twsk_deschedule` which do exactly what we need to

```
void inet_twsk_deschedule(struct inet_timewait_sock *tw,
                        struct inet_timewait_death_row *twdr)
{
    spin_lock(&twdr->death_lock);
    if (inet_twsk_del_dead_node(tw)) {
        inet_twsk_put(tw);
        if (--twdr->tw_count == 0)
```

```

        del_timer(&twdr->tw_timer);
    }
    spin_unlock(&twdr->death_lock);
    __inet_twsk_kill(tw, twdr->hashinfo);
}

```

and, from my point of view, your patch [2] is even not needed. We should do

restart:

```

write_lock_bh(&head->lock);
sk_for_each_safe(sk, node, tmp, &head->twchain) {
    tw = inet_twsk(sk);
    if (tw->tw_net != net)
        continue;
    sock_hold(sk);
    write_unlock_bh(&head->lock);

    inet_twsk_deschedule(tw, &tcp_death_row);
    inet_twsk_put(tw);
    goto restart;
}

```

This removes serious locking issue. You have introduced dependency between `write_lock_bh(&head->lock);` and `spin_lock(&tcp_death_row.death_lock);`. This should be at least checked and documented in the headers. I am not sure that this is correct.

If my approach is correct, your second patch is not needed.

It will also worth to `local_bh_enable()` at the very beginning and remove `_bh` from `write_lock`.

Regards,  
Den

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