
Subject: Re: namespace support requires network modules to say "GPL"

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Ben Greear <greearb@candelatech.com> writes:

>> Regardless of infringement it is incompatible with a complete network
>> namespace implementation. Further it sounds like the module you are
>> describing defines a kernel ABI without being merged and hopes that
>> ABI will still be supportable in the future. Honestly I think doing so
>> is horrible code maintenance policy.

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> I don't mind if the ABI changes, so long as I can still use something similar.

It has occurred to me that I am seeing an implication here that may in fact not exist.

My impression of `dev_get_by_xxxx` is that the function is only able to be used sanely when being part of the definition of a kernel/userspace interface. With the further assumption on my part that you need to define a new instance of `dev_get_by_xxxx`

It has just occurred to me that it is possible to reuse the `SIOCBRADDIF` and `SIOCBRDELIF` for that same purpose without defining a new kernel/userspace interface.

What and how are you using `dev_get_by_xxx`?

Eric

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