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Subject: Re: [PATCH net-2.6.26 2/6][NETNS][SOCK]: Introduce per-net inuse counters.

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Eric Dumazet wrote:

>> This is probably the most controversial part of the set.  
>>  
>> The counters are stored in a per-cpu array on a struct net. To  
>> index in this array the prot->inuse is declared as int and used.  
>>  
>> Numbers (indices) to protos are generated with the appropriate  
>> enum. I thought about using some existing IPPROTO\_XXX numbers for  
>> protocols but they were too large (IPPROTO\_RAW is 255) and did  
>> not differ for ipv4 and ipv6 (there's no IP6PROTO\_RAW, etc).  
>>  
>> The sock\_prot\_inuse\_(add|get) now use the net argument to  
>> get the counter, but this all hides under CONFIG\_NET\_NS.  
>>  
>> The sock\_prot\_inuse\_(init|fini) are no-ops. DEFINE\_PROTO\_INUSE  
>> is empty and REF\_PROTO\_INUSE assigns an index to a proto.  
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>  
> Given that :  
>  
> 1) pcounter should really go away from kernel, since Andrew disagree  
> with the implementation.

Does this and ... (below)

> 2) the need to enumerate all protocols in your enum, it seems ... ugly :)

Yup :(

> 3) alloc\_percpu(struct net\_prot\_inuse) per net is nice because we dont  
> waste memory (if we had to use percpu\_counters for each proto for example)  
>  
> I suggest to :  
>  
> 1) not use pcounter anymore

... this mean that I can rework the inuse accounting in order not  
to use pcounters at all even with CONFIG\_NET\_NS=n? :)

> 2) change 'inuse' field to 'inuse\_idx' or 'prot\_num' that is  
> automatically allocated at proto\_register time, instead statically at

> compile time.

Hm... I like this approach. Will do.

> Just provide a big enough NET\_INUSE\_NR (might depend on IPV6 present or  
> not, static or module) to take into account all possible protocols.

Well, I thought about this, but wasn't sure whether such heuristics  
would be accepted.

```
> struct net_prot_inuse {  
>   int val[NET_INUSE_NR];  
> };  
>  
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```

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