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Subject: [PATCH v2 05/13] memcg: Reclaim when more than one page needed.  
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mem\_cgroup\_do\_charge() was written before slab accounting, and expects three cases: being called for 1 page, being called for a stock of 32 pages, or being called for a hugepage. If we call for 2 pages (and several slabs used in process creation are such, at least with the debug options I had), it assumed it's being called for stock and just retried without reclaiming.

Fix that by passing down a minsize argument in addition to the csize.

And what to do about that (csize == PAGE\_SIZE && ret) retry? If it's needed at all (and presumably is since it's there, perhaps to handle races), then it should be extended to more than PAGE\_SIZE, yet how far? And should there be a retry count limit, of what? For now retry up to COSTLY\_ORDER (as page\_alloc.c does), stay safe with a cond\_resched(), and make sure not to do it if \_\_GFP\_NORETRY.

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mm/memcontrol.c | 17 ++++++-----
1 files changed, 10 insertions(+), 7 deletions(-)
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diff --git a/mm/memcontrol.c b/mm/memcontrol.c
index f605100..2576a2b 100644
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--- a/mm/memcontrol.c
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+++ b/mm/memcontrol.c
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@@ -2168,7 +2168,7 @@ enum {
};
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static int mem_cgroup_do_charge(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, gfp_t gfp_mask,
- unsigned int nr_pages, bool oom_check)
+ unsigned int nr_pages, unsigned int min_pages, bool oom_check)
{
    unsigned long csize = nr_pages * PAGE_SIZE;
    struct mem_cgroup *mem_over_limit;
@@ -2191,18 +2191,18 @@ static int mem_cgroup_do_charge(struct mem_cgroup *memcg,
gfp_t gfp_mask,
} else
    mem_over_limit = mem_cgroup_from_res_counter(fail_res, res);
/*
- * nr_pages can be either a huge page (HPAGE_PMD_NR), a batch
- * of regular pages (CHARGE_BATCH), or a single regular page (1).
- *
* Never reclaim on behalf of optional batching, retry with a
* single page instead.
*/
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- if (nr_pages == CHARGE_BATCH)
+ if (nr_pages > min_pages)
    return CHARGE_RETRY;

    if (!(gfp_mask & __GFP_WAIT))
        return CHARGE_WOULDBLOCK;

+ if (gfp_mask & __GFP_NORETRY)
+ return CHARGE_NOMEM;
+
    ret = mem_cgroup_reclaim(mem_over_limit, gfp_mask, flags);
    if (mem_cgroup_margin(mem_over_limit) >= nr_pages)
        return CHARGE_RETRY;
@@ -2215,8 +2215,10 @@ static int mem_cgroup_do_charge(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, gfp_t
gfp_mask,
    * unlikely to succeed so close to the limit, and we fall back
    * to regular pages anyway in case of failure.
    */
- if (nr_pages == 1 && ret)
+ if (nr_pages <= (PAGE_SIZE << PAGE_ALLOC_COSTLY_ORDER) && ret) {
+ cond_resched();
    return CHARGE_RETRY;
+ }

    /*
    * At task move, charge accounts can be doubly counted. So, it's
    @@ -2350,7 +2352,8 @@ again:
        nr_oom_retries = MEM_CGROUP_RECLAIM_RETRIES;
    }

- ret = mem_cgroup_do_charge(memcg, gfp_mask, batch, oom_check);
+ ret = mem_cgroup_do_charge(memcg, gfp_mask, batch, nr_pages,
+ oom_check);
    switch (ret) {
    case CHARGE_OK:
        break;
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