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Subject: [patch 1/1][NETNS] resend: fix net released by rcu callback  
Posted by [Daniel Lezcano](#) on Tue, 30 Oct 2007 16:21:40 GMT  
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But when a network namespace creation fails, and the subsystems are undone (like the cleanup), the rcu\_barrier is missing.

This patch adds the missing rcu\_barrier.

Signed-off-by: Daniel Lezcano <dlezcano@fr.ibm.com>

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net/core/net\_namespace.c | 2 ++  
1 file changed, 2 insertions(+)

Index: net-2.6/net/core/net\_namespace.c

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--- net-2.6.orig/net/core/net\_namespace.c

+++ net-2.6/net/core/net\_namespace.c

@@ -112,6 +112,8 @@ out\_undo:

if (ops->exit)  
ops->exit(net);  
}

+

+ rcu\_barrier();  
goto out;  
}

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Subject: Re: [patch 1/1][NETNS] resend: fix net released by rcu callback  
Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Tue, 30 Oct 2007 20:47:34 GMT  
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Looks sane. Did you have any specific failures related to this or was this something that was just caught in review?

Eric

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Subject: Re: [patch 1/1][NETNS] resend: fix net released by rcu callback  
Posted by [Daniel Lezcano](#) on Tue, 30 Oct 2007 21:43:26 GMT  
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Eric W. Biederman wrote:

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Yes, I had this problem when doing ipv6 isolation for netns49. The ipv6

subsystem creation failed and the different subsystem where rollbacked in the setup\_net function.  
When the network namespace was about to be freed in free\_net function, I had the error with an usage refcount different from zero.  
It appears that was coming from core/neighbour.c

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neigh_parms_release
-> neigh_rcu_free_parms
-> neigh_parms_put
-> neigh_parms_destroy
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```

The free\_net function was called before rcu callback neigh\_rcu\_free\_parms.

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Subject: Re: [patch 1/1][NETNS] resend: fix net released by rcu callback  
Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Tue, 30 Oct 2007 22:34:29 GMT  
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Ok. Cool. It is good to know that this patch was tested. These kinds of subtle fixes are always more solid when you can actually test them.

Eric

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Posted by [davem](#) on Tue, 30 Oct 2007 22:39:05 GMT  
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Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 17:21:40 +0100

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Applied, thanks Daniel.

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