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Posted by [Pavel Emelianov](#) on Wed, 14 Nov 2007 12:08:03 GMT

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Signed-off-by: Pavel Emelyanov <xemul@openvz.org>

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diff --git a/net/core/dev.c b/net/core/dev.c
index dd40b35..86d6261 100644
--- a/net/core/dev.c
+++ b/net/core/dev.c
@@ -1171,6 +1171,8 @@ @ @ rollback:
     nb->notifier_call(nb, NETDEV_UNREGISTER, dev);
 }
+
+ raw_notifier_chain_unregister(&netdev_chain, nb);
+ goto unlock;
 }
```

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Posted by [Herbert Xu](#) on Wed, 14 Nov 2007 13:37:17 GMT

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Good catch. Thanks Pavel!

Acked-by: Herbert Xu <herbert@gondor.apana.org.au>

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Thanks :)

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Posted by [Herbert Xu](#) on Wed, 14 Nov 2007 13:50:55 GMT

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I think it's more of an oversight :)

Although it has no real impact because the only user that matters here is IPv6 and it can't be unloaded.

Cheers,

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Posted by [davem](#) on Wed, 14 Nov 2007 23:53:43 GMT

From: Herbert Xu <herbert@gondor.apana.org.au>
Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 21:37:17 +0800

> Acked-by: Herbert Xu <herbert@gondor.apana.org.au>

Indeed, good catch, patch applied.

Thanks!
