



NPE in Robolectric's NativeObjRegistry.getNativeObject due to LayoutIncludeDetector calling getName on closed XmlBlock

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DESCRIPTION al...@google.com created issue #1

Unclear if this affects real apps or just Robolectric tests, but we'll need to fix it regardless:

```
Caused by: java.lang.NullPointerException: Could not find object with nativeId: 0. Currently registered ids: [13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 33,
    at org.robolectric.res.android.NativeObjRegistry.getNativeObject(NativeObjRegistry.java:141)
    at org.robolectric.shadows.ShadowXmlBlock.getResXMLParser(ShadowXmlBlock.java:349)
    at org.robolectric.shadows.ShadowXmlBlock.nativeGetName(ShadowXmlBlock.java:157)
    at org.robolectric.shadows.ShadowXmlBlock.nativeGetName(ShadowXmlBlock.java:152)
    at android.content.res.XmlBlock.nativeGetName(XmlBlock.java)
    at android.content.res.XmlBlock$Parser.getName(XmlBlock.java:174)
    at android.support.v7.app.LayoutIncludeDetector.shouldInheritContext(LayoutIncludeDetector.java:78)
    at android.support.v7.app.LayoutIncludeDetector.detect(LayoutIncludeDetector.java:56)
    at android.support.v7.app.AppCompatActivityDelegateImpl.createView(AppCompatActivityImpl.java:1550)
    at android.support.v7.app.AppCompatActivityDelegateImpl.onCreateView(AppCompatActivityImpl.java:1614)
```

In the platform code, it's closing (and destroying the native object) when it reaches the end of an XML document:

```
if (ev == END_DOCUMENT) {
    // Automatically close the parse when we reach the end of
    // a document, since the standard XmlPullParser interface
    // doesn't have such an API so most clients will leave us
    // dangling.
    close();
}
```

As a result, calling any method that touches the native object (like getName) will fail:

```
public String getName() {
    int id = nativeGetName(mParseState);
    return id >= 0 ? mStrings.get(id).toString() : null;
}
```

However, we're not seeing it fail with an NPE when running against a real device. And from the Robolectric code, it looks a null native object is a valid END\_DOCUMENT state:

```
protected static int nativeNext(long state) throws XmlPullParserException {
    ResXMLParser st = getResXMLParser(state);
    if (st == null) {
        return ResXMLParser.event_code_t.END_DOCUMENT;
    }
}
```

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COMMENTS

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Robolectric's ShadowXmlBlock.getResXMLParser is calling the wrong method on NativeObjRegistry:

```
/** Retrieve the native object for given id. Throws if object with that id cannot be found */
public synchronized T getNativeObject(long nativeId) {
    ...
}
```

```
/**
 * Similar to {@link #getNativeObject(long)} but returns null if object with given id cannot be
 * found.
 */
public synchronized T peekNativeObject(long nativeId) {
    ...
}
```

It should be calling `peekNativeObject` so that it doesn't crash on null (e.g. the object has been released).

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Thanks for digging into this alanv@. I'll try to come up with a reduced test case to understand the issue better. Also should this be transferred to Mobile > Tools > Robolectric?

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I'm planning to use this bug to track a workaround, if we need one.

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Re: Reduced test case, it should be enough to create an XML parser on an arbitrary XML file, run it until it hits `END_DOCUMENT`, and then call `getName` on it. You could also create an XML pars

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Ah, I see the problem.

Maybe the Robolectric implementation should follow the Android one:

From `XmlBlock.getName`: <https://source.corp.google.com/android/frameworks/base/core/java/android/content/res/XmlBlock.java;l=196-199?q=xmlblock&ss=piper%2FGoogle%2Fandroid>

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}
```

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And it seems like the expectation is that `nativeGetName` returns -1 if the parser has been destroyed:

[https://source.corp.google.com/android/frameworks/base/core/jni/android\\_util\\_XmlBlock.cpp;l=140-149](https://source.corp.google.com/android/frameworks/base/core/jni/android_util_XmlBlock.cpp;l=140-149)

```
static jint android_content_XmlBlock_nativeGetName(JNIEnv* env, jobject clazz,
                                                    jlong token)
{
    ResXMLParser* st = reinterpret_cast<ResXMLParser*>(token);
    if (st == NULL) {
        return -1;
    }

    return static_cast<jint>(st->getElementNameID());
}
```

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Here's what I found sort of odd:

```
@Implementation(minSdk = VERSION_CODES.LOLLIPOP)
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    ResXMLParser st = getResXMLParser(state);
    if (st == null) {
        return ResXMLParser.event_code_t.END_DOCUMENT;
    }
}
```

Clearly someone expected `getResXMLParser` to return null at `END_OF_DOCUMENT`, as it does in the platform.

```
private static ResXMLParser getResXMLParser(long state) {
    return Registries.NATIVE_RES_XML_PARSERS.getNativeObject(state);
}
```

But this can never return null because `getNativeObject` either returns non-null or crashes with NPE.

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So, yeah, I'd expect all of the native methods in Robolectric to be consistent with the platform and return a default (e.g. `-1` value when `peekNativeObject` returns `null`).

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as it does in the platform.

Or rather, for the native object to be deallocated.

Especially weird that `nativeNext` handles this case, but none of the other `native` methods in `ShadowXmlBlock` do.



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