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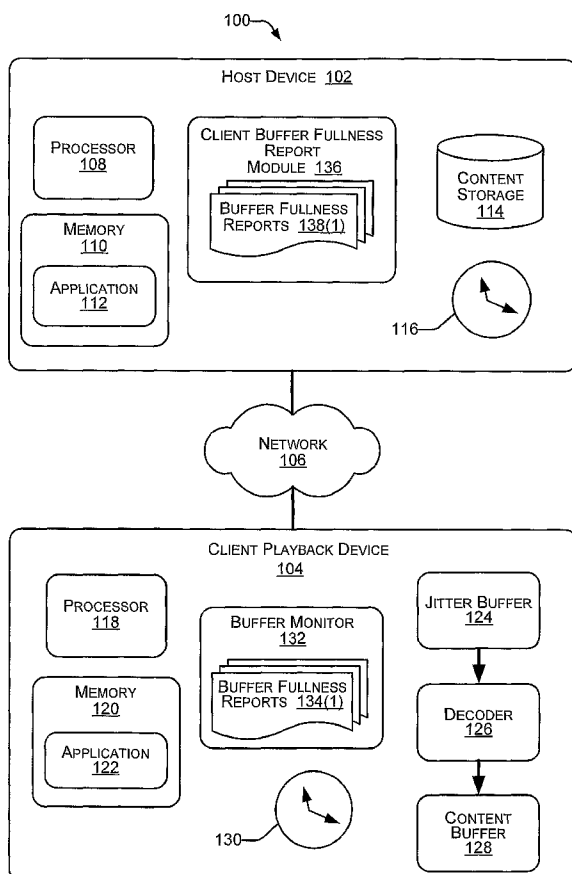
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(57) **Abstract:** A client device (104) receives streaming content from a host device (102). The streaming content is placed in one or more buffers (128) prior to processing. Monitoring as to the capacity and fullness of the buffers prior to processing (132). Monitoring as to the capacity and fullness of the buffers is performed at the client device and information is sent to the host device. The host device adjusts the rate or flow of the streaming content based on the information provided by the client device.



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