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(54) **CAPTURED SPRING ASSEMBLY FOR A FIREARM**

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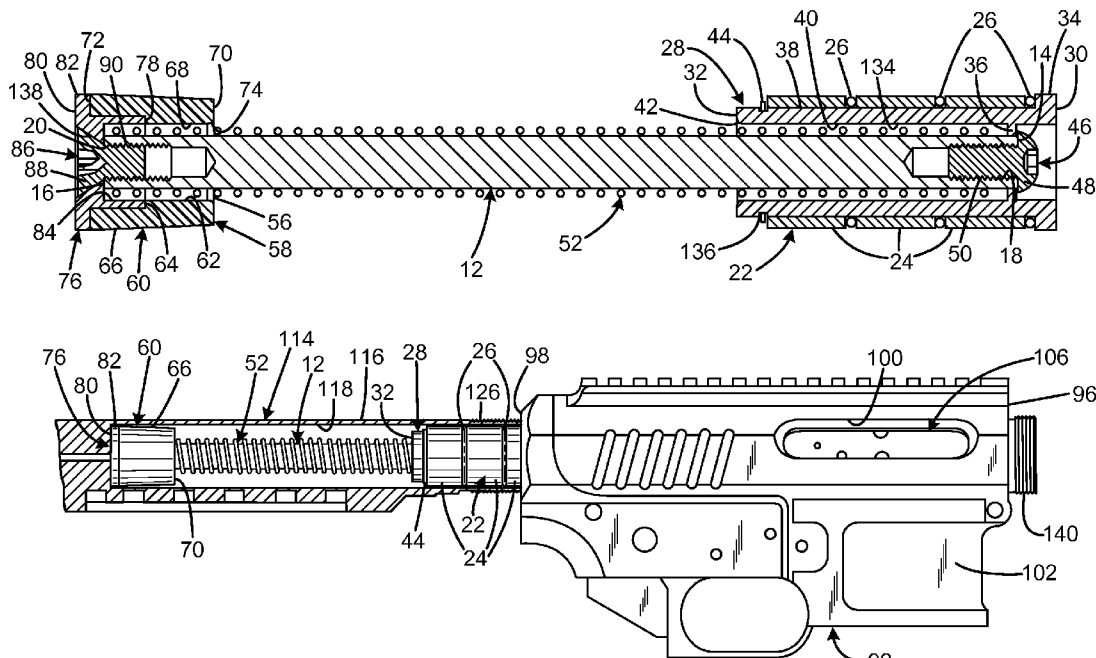
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A captured spring assembly for a firearm has a rod having a forward and rearward ends, a movable buffer that defines an aperture that receives the forward end of the rod and is operable to reciprocate between a forward battery position and a rearward retracted position, a coil spring that encompasses the rod, wherein the forward end of the rod has a limit element having a head that is larger in diameter than the rod, wherein the buffer has an internal limit element that is larger in diameter than the rod, and wherein the internal limit element has at least one portion that is smaller in diameter than the limit element head, but also larger in diameter than the rod. There may be a spring stop attached to the rearward end of the rod that is large enough for the spring to bear against and the buffer to strike against.

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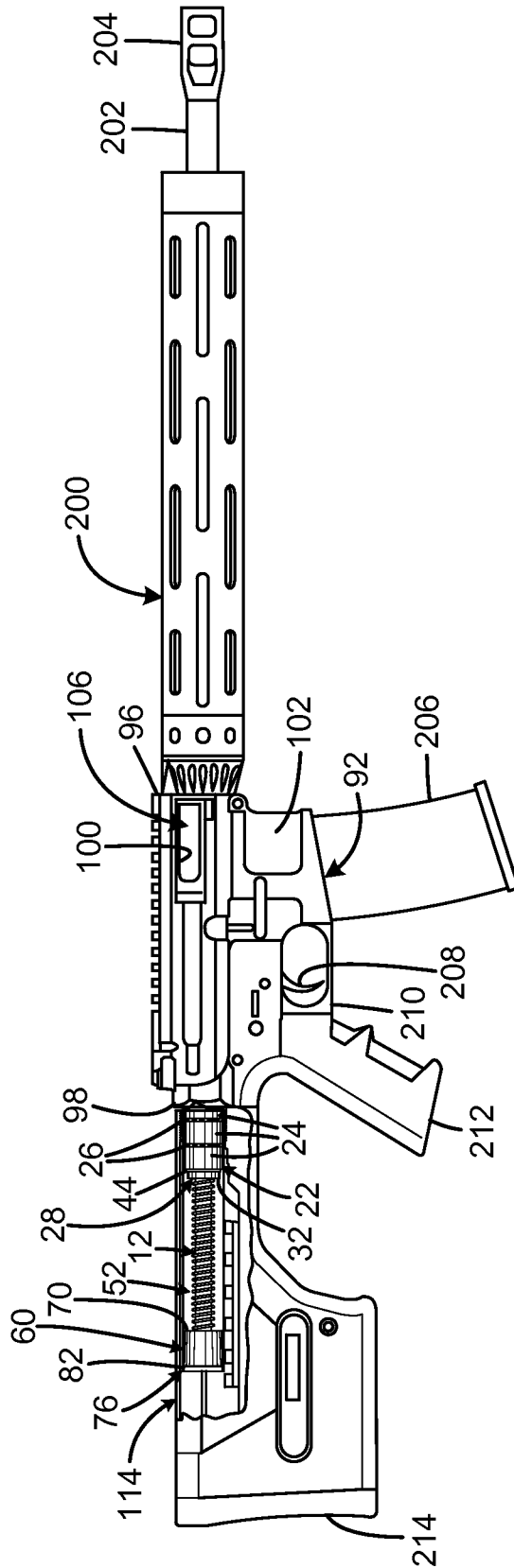
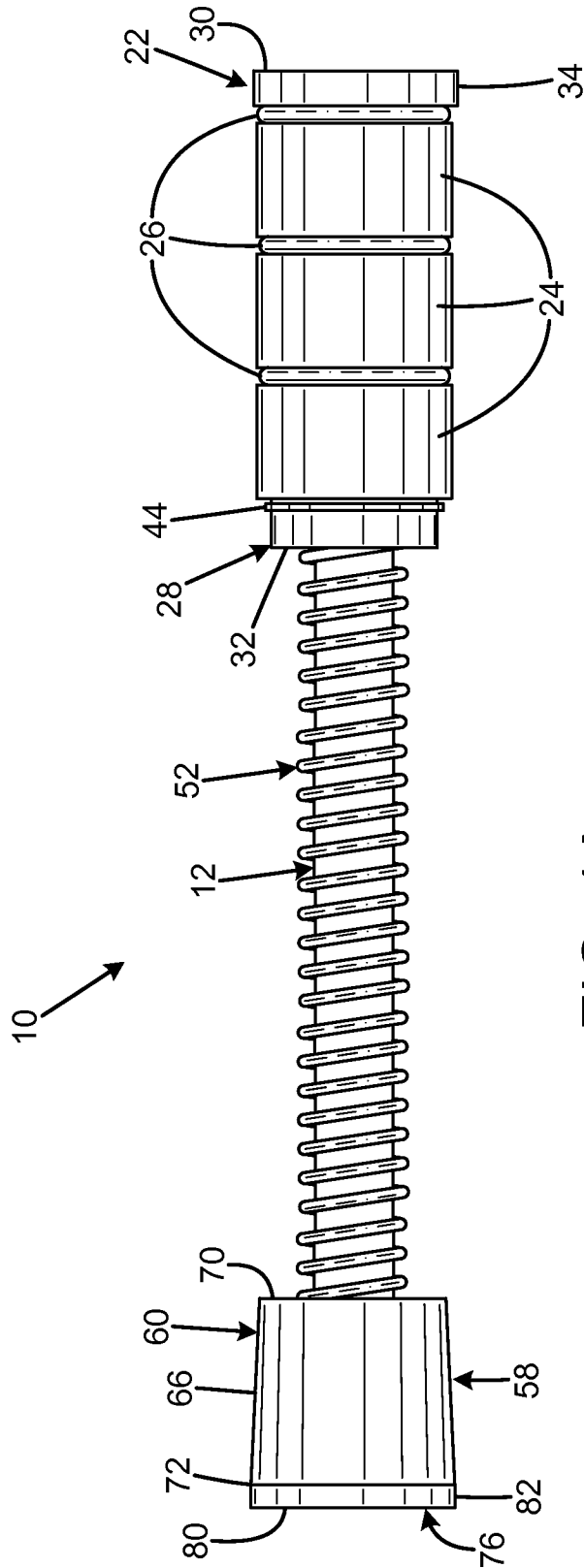


FIG. 1



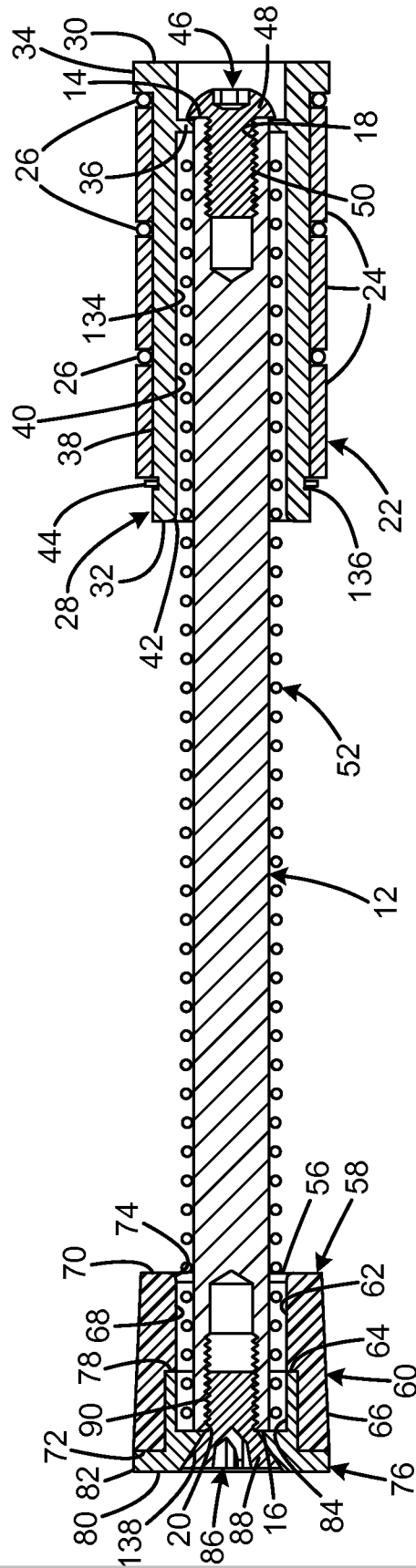


FIG. 1B

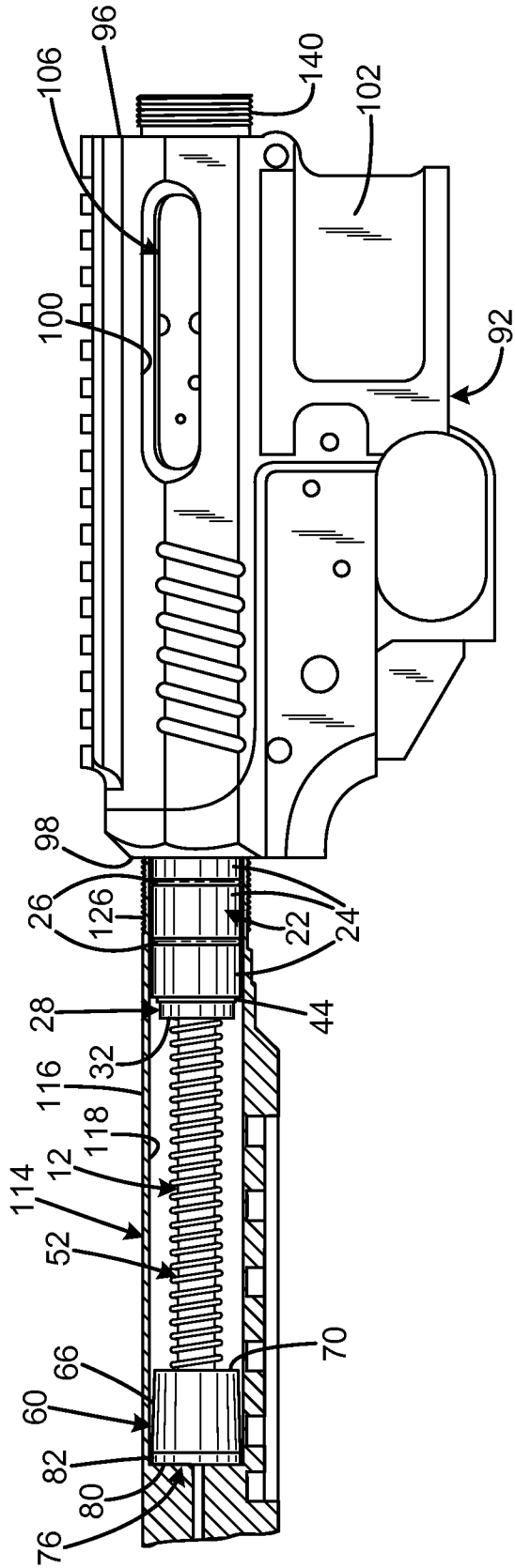


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