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A ~~xxxxx~~ lengthy public hearing was held today in Richmond on the controversial Blue Laws.

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The Senate Courts of Justice Committee held the hearing on proposed changes in the laws. Then it decided to turn the matter over to a subcommittee. Senator M. M. Long of Wise, the committee chairman, said he would not name the members of the subcommittee until tomorrow. During the hearings, proponents of changes in the law--strengthened by amendments enacted 2 years ago--based their main argument on permitting unlimited sale of food on Sunday.

Opponents, however, contended that to permit sale of all foods on Sunday would bring about a situation in which the large supermarkets as well as the small grocery would be open.