1. The Senate met at 10:51 a.m. The President of the Senate read prayers.

2. Closed Session:
   Closed Session — 10:53 a.m.
   Open Session — 11:03 a.m.

The President of the Senate reported that the Senate in a Closed Session deliberated on issues bordering on the workings of the Senate in particular and the National Assembly in general.

3. Votes and Proceedings:
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 18th December, 2019.

   Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

4. Personal Explanation:
   Rising on Rule 43, Senator Yahaya A. Abdullahi (Kebbi North) drew the attention of the Senate to the demise of Senator Benjamin Chukwuemeka Uwajumogu (Imo North) who died on Wednesday, 18th December, 2019 after a brief illness. He urged the Senate to observe a minute silence and also suspend all legislative proceedings for the day in his honour.

   One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the Deceased and all Senate proceedings suspended.

5. Suspension of Rule:
   Motion made: That the Senate do suspend Rule 13(2) to enable its sit on Friday, 20th December, 2019 (Senate Leader).

   Question put and agreed to.

6. Presentation of Bills:
   (i) National Ear Care Centre (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2019 (HB. 13).

      Presentation of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

   (ii) Customs and Excise Management Act CAP C45 LFN (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2019 (SB. 286).

      Presentation of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
(iii) National Commission for Teachers Education Bill, 2019 (SB. 289).

Presentation of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

(iv) Federal University of Agriculture, Kabba (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2019 (SB. 282).

Presentation of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.


Presentation of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

7. Committee on Federal Capital Territory (FCT):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

8. Committee on Customs, Excise and Tariffs:
Report on the Nigerian Customs Service Budget:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.


Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. National Assembly Budget and Research Office (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2019 (SB.45):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. Federal University Birnin-Kebbi, Kebbi State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2019 (SB.165):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Federal University of Technology Manchok, Kaduna State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2019 (SB.141):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.


Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. Nigerian Maritime University Okerenkoko, Delta State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2019 (SB.272):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. College of Education Mutum Biyu, Taraba State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2019 (SB.101):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

*Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

17. Electric Power Sector Reform Act 2005 (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 01) - Concurrence:

*Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

18. FCT Health Insurance Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2019 (HB. 60) - Concurrence:

*Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

19. Chartered Institute of Treasury Management (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2019 - Concurrence:

*Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

20. Adjournment:

*Motion made:* That the Senate do now adjourn till Friday, 20th December, 2019 at 10.00 a.m. (Senate Leader).

*Adjourned accordingly at 11:30 a.m.*

Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan, Ph.D, CON
*President,*
*Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.*