



## Speech of Hon. Justin S. Morrill, of Vermont: In the Senate of the United States, April 26, 1876 (Classic Reprint)

By Justin S Morrill

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