Some Perspectives on Incarceration

Kent Scheidegger
Criminal Justice Legal Foundation

Symposium on Crime and Punishment in the United States:
Alternatives to Incarceration

United States Sentencing Commission
July 14, 2008

Violent Crimes & Prisoners 1960-2006
State prison population by offense type, 1980-2004

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics Website

Corrections Spending
as Percentage of Total State Funds

Source: National Association of State Budget Officers
State Expenditure Report, FY 1996, Table 3

Scheidegger-2
COMPOSITION OF TOTAL STATE EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION, FISCAL 1987 TO 2006

Source: National Association of State Budget Officers, FY2006 State Expenditure Report

Robbery Rate
Offenses per 100,000 Population

Scheidegger-3